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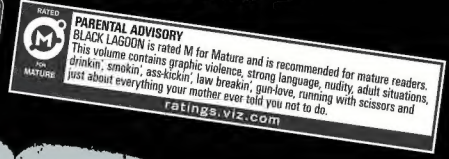
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BLACKL

Dutch
SKIPPER OF THE OF THE BLACK LAGOON, AND LEADER OF THE CREW. DUTCH STAYS COOL NO MATTER HOW BAD THINGS GET. HIS BACKGROUND INCLUDES MILITARY SERVICE, INCLUDING A TOUR IN VIETNAM.
Benny
THE MAN IN CHARGE OF THE HIGH-TECH ELECTRONICS ONBOARD THE BLACK LAGOON. BENNY ESCAPED FROM THE U.S. AND IS ON THE RUN FROM BOTH THE FBI AND THE MAFIA.
Crew of the Black Lagoon
Rock
A FORMER JAPANESE SALARYMAN, WHOSE REAL NAME IS ROKURŌ OKAJIMA. ABANDONED BY HIS COMPANY AFTER THE CREW OF THE BLACK LAGOON ABDUCTED HIM, ROCK LATER JOINED HIS CAPTORS.
Revy
THE BLACK LAGOON'S TOP GUNSLINGER, NICKNAMED "TWO HAND." HER FOUL MOUTH AND EXTREMELY SHORT FUSE USUALLY GET HER IN LOTS OF TROUBLE.

STORY

Rock, formerly known as Rokurô Okajima, was a faceless employee at a large Japanese company. On a business trip he was abducted and held for ransom by the crew of the Black Lagoon. Shocked and angered when his company callously threw him to the wolves in order to save their own skins, Rock decided to change course in life and joined the crew of the Black Lagoon.

After an eventful trip to Japan, Rock and Revy return to the lawless city of Roanapur, and Rock takes his first steps as a "villain"...

Balalaika

Boss of the Thai branch of "Hotel Moscow," a noted Russian criminal gang. Balalaika once was a captain in the Red Army of the former Soviet Union.

Shenhua

Freelance assassin. Called "Chinglish Gal" by Revy.

Garcia

Son of Diego Lovelace and next head of the Lovelace Family, one of the 13 Families of South America.

Roberta

The Lovelace Head Matron. Ex-terrorist once feared as "The Bloodhound of Florencia."

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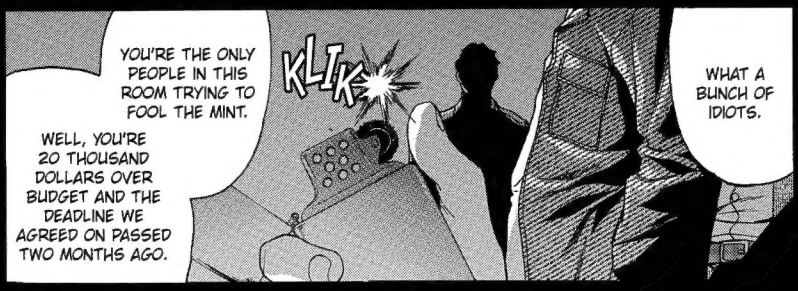
THERE'S A TIME LIMIT TO EVERYTHING.
IN SOCCER, BASEBALL, STOCKS, EVEN FUCKING.
I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH GOOD QUALITY.
BUT YOU SEE...


YOU'RE THE ONLY PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM TRYING TO FOOL THE MINT.
WELL, YOU'RE 20 THOUSAND DOLLARS OVER BUDGET AND THE DEADLINE WE AGREED ON PASSED TWO MONTHS AGO.
KLIK
WHAT A BUNCH OF IDIOTS.

NOW...
I PERSONALLY DON'T FEEL THIS WAY, BUT...
...SOME OF MY ASSOCIATES DON'T THINK TOO HIGHLY OF YOU. YOU SEE...
THEY SEEM TO BELIEVE YOU THINK WE HAVE SMALLER BRAINS THAN SOME INSECT, AND BECAUSE OF THAT YOU THINK YOU CAN PUT ONE OVER ON US.
CHAK

Chapter 38: Greenback Jane - Part I

OH...EXCUSE ME. OF COURSE I DON'T SHARE THEIR SENTIMENTS.
BUT IF THEY'RE RIGHT, I'D BE SO DISTRAUGHT I JUST MIGHT HAVE TO CUT YOU INTO TINY LITTLE PIECES.
DO I LOOK LIKE THE KIND OF MAN WHO'D RAISE HIS HAND TO A WOMAN?
I DON'T, DO I? THE ONLY THING...
...I COULD DO IS...
CHK
SHOOT YOU.

BLAMM
THK
RASH
...
WHAT'VE YOU DONE?! DO YOU KNOW WHAT–
AW, QUIT WHINING ...
WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME OR THE MONEY TO PLAY AROUND WITH YOU ANYMORE.
YOU'VE GOT 48 HOURS TO GET THE JOB DONE RIGHT. YOU GOT THAT, SWEET THING?
WHAT IS THE WEAPON...
...OF THE SHEPHERD?

HUH?
PSALM 23, VERSE 4, "THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH."
I'M ASKIN' YOU WHAT THE SHEPHERD WAS PACKING.
OH...
A JERICHO MODEL 941 FBI.
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
THAT'S STUPID.
SO WHAD'YA THINK HE WAS PACKING?
SHLK
WHAT ELSE. THIS.

...GOD DAMN IT...
IF I KNEW YOUR AIR CONDITIONER WAS BUSTED I NEVER WOULDA COME OVER.
DON'T GIMME THAT SHIT. YOU'RE NO GENIUS EITHER.
WHAT-EVER.
HE WAS JEWISH, RIGHT? HE'D BE PACKING SOMETHING MADE IN ISRAEL.
LIKE I NEED YOU TO TELL ME THAT, SHITHEAD.
YOU SOUND LIKE A BROKEN RECORD.
THE BOATS DOCKED TOO. THIS SUCKS...
DAMN, IT'S HOT!
YOU ENTER THE WORLD'S BIGGEST MORON CONTEST AND YOU'LL GO PRETTY FAR.
HOW WAS JAPAN?
...UH HUH.
BY THE WAY...
...AND IT WAS FREEZING COLD.
I'M NEVER GOIN' BACK TO THAT STINKIN' COUNTRY.
IT SUCKED.
BALA ALMOST KILLED ME, I ALMOST GOT MY LEGS SLICED INTO DELI MEAT...
RUM
I'M TALKING ABOUT ROCK.
DID YOU TWO GET IT ON OR NOT?
FWP
FWP
FWP
FWP
THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS ASKING.
DON'T BE SUCH A PRUDE. YOU WERE WITH HIM THE WHOLE TIME, RIGHT?

I DON'T WANNA TALK ABOUT IT.
THP THP
HUFF!
HUFF!
HUFF!
HUFF!
FUCK OFF.
GODDAMN IT'S HOT TODAY. I SHOULDA GONE TO THE MAPLAO MARKET WITH ROCK.
C'MON NOW.
SPIT IT OUT.
THP THP
HA!
HA!
HA!
HA!
SKRTCH

BAM BAM BAM
...SOMEBODY AT THE DOOR FOR YOU.
WE'RE CLOSED.
FLAP FLAP FLAP
HELLO?! HELLO?! HELLO?!
ANYBODY HERE?! ANYBODY ?!
PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE!
PLEASE OPEN UP! PLEASE!
AW, SHUT UP!
FUCK...
HELP ME! I'M BEING CHASED!

PLEASE OPEN THE DOOR... UGH!
SO?
GOD'S NOT HERE. HE'S ON VACATION IN VEGAS.
...BUT...
THIS IS A CHURCH, ISN'T IT?
WH
KNOW WHAT JESUS SAID IN JOHN: 5?
MP
"DON'T BE BRINGIN' ME ANY TROUBLE, BITCH!"
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!
AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A NUN?!
THAT'S THE KINDA TOWN...
...AND CHURCH THIS IS.
PLEASE! I'M BEING CHASED!
I CAN'T TRUST THE LOCAL POLICE...
AND I'M NOT FROM HERE! SO I THOUGHT MAYBE THE CHURCH COULD HELP ME...
COME BACK ON JUDGMENT DAY.
THEN MAYBE GOD'LL-

ZM
...JANE!
DON'T GIMME A HARD TIME.
C'MON. TIME TO HEAD FOR HOME-SWEET-HOME.
MR. ELVIS!
NO GUNS! HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU? YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS TOWN IS LIKE...
HEY, SISTER.
I HAVE SOME BUSINESS WITH THAT GIRL...

EDAN JAAA
OH SHIT!!
HAK
OH YEAHH!
AK

BLAM
BLAM
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
WA
AA
A!
BLAM
DON'T SHOOT! DON'T SHOOT BACK!!
BLAM
HOLY SHIT!!
SHIT! OPEN FIRE! KILL 'EM!!
TRAK
TRAK
TRAK
THAT'S "SISTER" TO YOU, DUMBASS!
SIS!
I CAME TO BACK YOU UP!

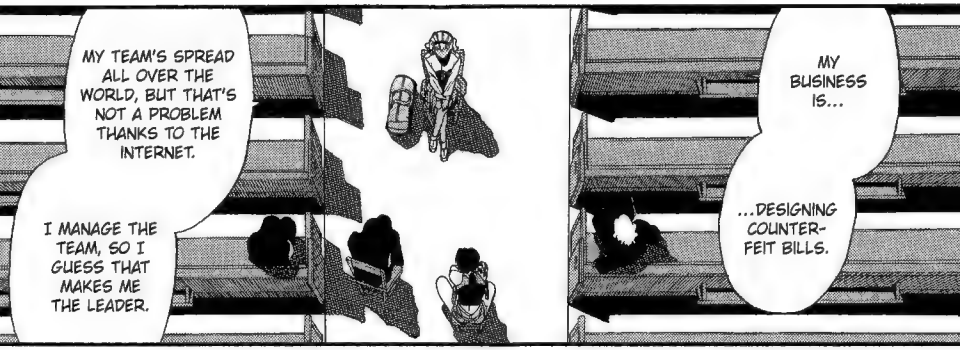
BANG
BANG
SIS'S TOLD ME ALL ABOUT YOU, MISS REBECCA!
PLEASE CALL ME RICO-
DAMN IT, RICO!
DON'T CALL ME SIS!!
CLICK
SHK
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU HERE BEFORE. YOU NEW?
YES MA'AM!
I'M RICARDO! A PRIEST IN TRAINING!
KCHNK
DAK
TNK
REVY!
REVY CAN YOU HEAR ME! IT'S LOBOS!!
CEASE FIRE! THIS IS A MISTAKE! PLEASE!
FREEZE

BOOM
OH LORD ...
WE'RE SCREWED.
KRAK
HELL NO, ASSHOLE !!
YOU PUSBAGS THINK YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH...
...SHOOTING UP A CHURCH?!
BLAM
GO FUCK YOURSELF !!
MISTAKE MY ASS, YOU FUCKHEADS !!
BRAKKA
OH MY, MY.
WHAT HAVE WE HERE?

BAM
EDA?
HAVEN'T I TOLD YOU...
TWITCH
BANG
...NOT TO DRINK INSIDE THE CHAPEL?
TOSS
BAM
WE'LL DISCUSS THIS LATER.
FOR NOW...
GASP!
S-S-S-S-S-SISTER?!
...WE MUST DO TO THESE UNBELIEVERS...
...AS WAS DONE TO THOSE AT BETH SHEMESH.
M

KRAK KRAK KRAK
KRAK
BANG
I WON'T FORGET THIS! YOU SKAGS ARE DEAD! YOU HEAR ME!
CRAZY FUCKING BITCHES!
KRAK
POP
SHIIIT!
WE'RE OUTTA HERE! YOU TOO, MISTER!

WELL THEN...
SKRTCH
AHH, WHO'S GONNA PAY FOR THE REPAIRS?
IT SEEMS LIKE MONEY JUST FLOWS RIGHT OUT OF THIS PLACE.
KTK
VR
LET'S HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY FOR YOURSELF...
...YOUNG LADY.
THOSE GUYS WERE WITH THE NUEVO LAREDO CARTEL.
THEY'RE PART OF THE GIROLAMO FAMILY, IN FLORIDA.
THE CARTEL HIRED ME TO...
...COUNTERFEIT OLD U.S. BILLS.


MY TEAM'S SPREAD ALL OVER THE WORLD, BUT THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM THANKS TO THE INTERNET.
I MANAGE THE TEAM, SO I GUESS THAT MAKES ME THE LEADER.
MY BUSINESS IS...
...DESIGNING COUNTER-FEIT BILLS.

I DIDN'T BOTCH ANYTHING.
THEY JUST COULDN'T WAIT.
AND?
WHAT DID YOU BOTCH THAT MADE THEM CHASE YOU DOWN?

THE SUPERNOTE WAS A COMPLETE SHOCK. THE PAPER WAS ABSOLUTELY PERFECT, AND THE COMBINATION RATIO OF COTTON, LINEN, AND PULP WAS EXACTLY 23 TO 76.8.
LET ME EXPLAIN.
I TOOK THE JOB BECAUSE I CAN CREATE THE "PERFECT COUNTERFEIT."

WE'D LOVE TO GET OUR HANDS ON ONE, BUT THEY'RE UNDER HEAVY REGULATION AND HARD TO COME BY.
...IF YOU ASK ME, THAT'S A BIG NO-NO! BUT BOY, THOSE GUYS USED A SWISS-MADE PRINTER!
SOME...
...WOULD JUST USE A DESKTOP LASER PRINTER, BUT...

I MEAN REALLY, I COULD'VE EASILY MADE SOMETHING LIKE THAT FOR LESS!
IT'S CRAZY, BUT CALL IT AN "ENEMY STATE ATTACK CURRENCY" AND YOU GET A HUGE BUDGET FOR IT.
SO, WE PRINT WITH HEIDELBERG'S MF521, BUT IT CAN ONLY DO SO MUCH.

...SO THAT THERE'S A VARIANCE IN INK PRESSURE AROUND THE BILL. BUT THAT'S NOT A SMART WAY TO GO ABOUT IT.
THAT'S BECAUSE...
TAP
TAP
TAP
...USES A METHOD WHERE THE PRESSURE IS ADJUSTED BY SPRAYING RUBBER UNDERNEATH...
BUT THE PROCESS IS DIFFICULT EVEN WITH THAT PRINTER. THE PRESS PRESSURE AROUND THE FACEPLATE NUMBER...
YOU HAVE TO CARVE THE TREASURY LABEL DOWN TO THE TINIEST DETAIL, OTHERWISE THE OUTER CHEVRON TURNS UP UNEVEN. SO...
BM
BM
BM
BM
THERE'S NO PROBLEM WITH THE GREEN AND BLACK DOUBLE-LAYERED PRINT AREA, BUT WITH THE FIRST METHOD...
...YOU CAN PRINT A MORE NATURAL RED-BROW INK USING UV INK.
IS THERE AN END TO THIS STORY?
YOU GONNA GIVE US A TOILET BREAK LIKE IN THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE?
...WHAT?
...WITH THE "SERIES 1990," THE PORTRAIT'S-
HEY HEY HEY!
SORRY TO INTERRUPT, BUT I GOT A QUESTION.
EDA, HER ATTITUDE REMINDS OF ME SOMEBODY...
THAT OLD BITCH FROM THE CHILD WELFARE CENTER.
YOU WERE THE ONES WHO WANTED TO HEAR HOW THIS HAPPENED.
WHAT? AM I BORING YOU?
NO NO NO. I GET THE POINT.
SO THAT'S HOW YOU TRIED TO CON THOSE GUYS, RIGHT?
OKAY FINE. ANYWAY, IT JUST TAKES A LOT OF RESEARCH, TIME AND MONEY.
THAT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS, RIGHT? SO...

THIS ONE'S REAL AND THIS ONE'S FAKE.
SO YOU WANT US TO SEE IT FOR OURSELVES.
ONE LOOK IS ALL IT'LL TAKE. THIS IS DUMB.
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THAT FOOL SAID. FINE.
BUT THE DETAILS OF THE ENGRAVING ARE GOOD ON THIS ONE.
BINGO, RIGHT?
LOOK.
THE REGISTRATION'S ABOUT A HALF-INCH OFF ON THIS ONE, AND THE GREEN OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT'S MARK IS TOO VIVID.
THE PROOF IS IN THE PUDDING.
POOR GIRL. YOU'D BE GOING TO JAIL.
TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THE FEDERAL RESERVE SEAL.
HMM. ♡
SO YOU'D TAKE THIS BILL TO SEARS AND GO ON A SHOPPING SPREE?
I KNEW YOU'D BE FOOLED.
IT'S NOT UNCOMMON TO FIND GLITCHES ON BILLS PRINTED IN THE 70'S. BUT...
...THE MINT NEVER USES THE LETTER 'M'.
PEOPLE LIKE YOU WHO HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO RECOGNIZE COUNTERFEIT BILLS ON A DAILY BASIS NATURALLY LEARN A FEW SELECT POINTS TO DISTINGUISH THEM.

OKAY, NOW WE KNOW REVY'S GOT A GLASS EYE.
ENOUGH, WE BELIEVE YOU.
NOW LET'S GET TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER.
...WE WENT WAY PAST THE DEADLINE.
BUT WE HAVE STANDARDS TO MAINTAIN.
BUT THEN THOSE GUYS CAME AND SHOT THEO, MY OPERATOR.
HIS JOB WAS TO MANAGE THE DATA FROM ALL OUR MEMBERS OVER THE NET.
EVERYTHING WE'VE DONE UP TO NOW IS DOWN THE DRAIN.
THOSE GORILLAS HAVE NO IDEA HOW THIS WORKS!
SOUNDS TO ME LIKE...
...THIS WAS YOUR FAULT.
UH...
YEAH.
KTHNK!
I'M SORRY, BUT A DEAL'S A DEAL.
FINE!
I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO UNDERSTAND ANYWAY!
NOT PEOPLE WHO WATCH *NYPD BLUE* AND PLAY AROUND WITH GUNS ALL DAY!

WOULD YOU BELIEVE US IF WE TOLD YOU WE WATCH OPRAH?
CH
K
YOU'LL GET YOUR ANSWER WHEN THE GUN GOES OFF, JANE.
YOUNG LADY?
IT'S GOD'S WILL. YOU ARE VERY LUCKY.
THE GIRL POINTING THE GUN AT YOU IS A SMUGGLER.
YOU CAN MAKE A DEAL IN EXCHANGE FOR THAT ORIGINAL PLATE.
...I DON'T WANT TO GIVE YOU SOMETHING THAT'S NOT FINISHED.
SEEING THAT THIS IS AN EMERGENCY AND I CAN'T BE PICKY...
HOW ABOUT YOU PAY ME 30 THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR IT SEPARATE FROM MY GETAWAY FEE?
OH, WELL THEN.
I SUGGEST YOU FIND ANOTHER GOD.
YOU CALL YOURSELVES SERVANTS OF GOD?!
"MAKE FRIENDS FOR YOURSELVES BY MEANS OF THE WEALTH OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS," ACCORDING TO LUKE.
DON'T EVEN BOTHER, EDA.
GO ON AND GET YOURSELF KILLED, HON'.

FINE, I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP.
SHD
HEY.
HOLD ON!
YOU GOT A PLACE TO SLEEP TONIGHT?
I'LL FIND SOME-WHERE.
SOME-WHERE?
YOU STAY IN A MOTEL AROUND HERE AND THEY'LL TEAR YOU A NEW ASSHOLE BEFORE YOU GET YOUR SOCKS OFF.
THANKS FOR GETTING ME OUT OF A PINCH. GOODBYE.
LISTEN...
THERE'S A CHEAP MOTEL CALLED THE RANSAP INN JUST PAST THE CHARKWAN MARKET.
TELL 'EM YOU *CAME FROM THE CHURCH* AND THEY SHOULD GIVE YOU A ROOM.
DON'T YOU THINK IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THINK THINGS OVER?
...WHY THE CHANGE OF HEART?
GO DROP 300 DOLLARS IN THE OFFERING BOWL OVER THERE.
I DIDN'T SAY IT'S FOR FREE.
A FAIR PRICE, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?

YOU'RE STILL A CHURCH AFTER ALL.
YOU GOT A DEAL.
...
I SEE.
HMM?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YO YO YO?
WHAT'S GOING ON, EDA?
YES, SISTER YOLANDA.
SHE'S A MONEY TREE. MAKE SURE YOU DON'T LOSE TRACK OF HER.
WELL DONE, SISTER EDA.
YOU DIRTY BITCH!
HEY!
COUNTRY BUMPKINS ARE EASY TO HANDLE.
...HEE HEE.
HER LOCATION...
WHAT'S THE GOING RATE?
YO, LEROY. WHASSUP?
YOU KNOW THAT GIRL THE CHOLOS ARE CHASING? YEAH, THE INDIAN CHICK.

LOBOS IS A GUTLESS COWARD.
THE ONLY THING HE'S GOOD FOR IS TRYING NOT TO GET SHIT ON THE TOILET SEAT. THAT'S WHY I NEED YOU TO GO INSTEAD OF HIM.
YES, BOSS.

Chapter 39: Greenback Jane - Part II

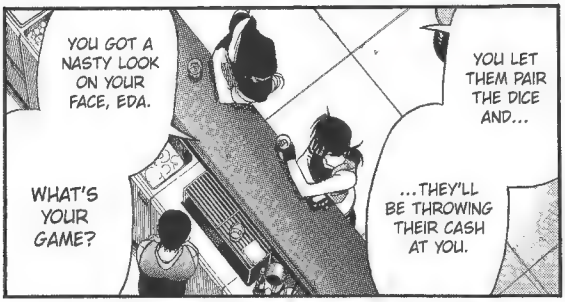
CAN YOU BELIEVE THOSE GODDAMNED NUNS SHOT AT US!
THIS WHOLE FUCKING TOWN IS GOD'S PERSONAL SHITTER!
LISTEN TO ME, RUSSELL!
THE PEOPLE IN THIS TOWN ARE A BUNCH OF FUCKING BARBARIANS. THEY WALK AROUND IN WESTERN CLOTHES LISTENING TO AEROSMITH, BUT THEY'RE NO DIFFERENT FROM THE MOROS IN THE FUCKING JUNGLE!

SHIT! I WISH I WAS BACK IN FLORIDA!
I WANNA GET THE FUCK OUTTA HERE RIGHT NOW!
...RUSSELL.
FIND THAT INDIAN BITCH AND BRING HER TO ME.
I'LL TORTURE HER SO BAD IT'LL MAKE DACHAU SEEM LIKE A PICNIC!
YES, BOSS.
THAT'S WHY I CAME HERE WITH YOU FROM FLORIDA.
GIMME THREE DAYS AND YOU'LL BE IN THE CARIBBEAN WATCHING THE SUNSET WITH DON GIROLAMO.
YES, BOSS.
JUST LEAVE EVERYTHING TO...
"GROOVY GUY" RUSSELL...
THE TROUBLE SHOOTER...
Bat

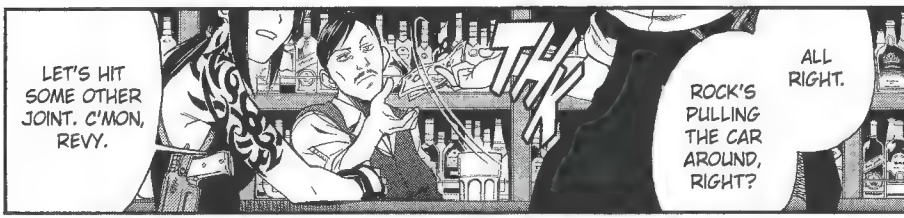
YOU WANNA DIE?
THAT WAS ONE DIRTY WAY OF GETTIN' PAID. GIMME HALF.
...
GOTTA SPLINTER OR SOMETHING, REVY?

JUST LIKE THE CASINO SLOTS.
REST IT?

THAT'S WHY YOU'RE A FOOL.
YOU GOTTA REST IT BEFORE YOU EAT IT.


YOU GOT A NASTY LOOK ON YOUR FACE, EDA.
WHAT'S YOUR GAME?
YOU LET THEM PAIR THE DICE AND...
...THEY'LL BE THROWING THEIR CASH AT YOU.

I COULD'VE SET THIS UP IN MY SLEEP.
WHAT?
I'M A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME TRICKSTER. I SERVE UNDER THE MAN WHO WALKS ATOP GALILEE.


LET'S HIT SOME OTHER JOINT. C'MON, REVY.
THK
ALL RIGHT.
ROCK'S PULLING THE CAR AROUND, RIGHT?

EDA!
HEY!
WHIR
WHIR
EDA!
C'MON!
EDA!
TELL ME, MAN! WHAT'S THE SCORE?!
WHO IS THAT NOISY BITCH?
ANYWAY, YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYIN', RIGHT?
EDA!
GODDAMN IT!
OH, I DUNNO.
YOUR JOB IS TO BRING HER BACK ALIVE.
YOU'LL BE PAID A GRAND EACH. SHE GIVES YOU ANY SHIT YOU CAN ROUGH HER UP A BIT. ANY PUNK COULD DO THIS JOB, SO DON'T FUCK IT UP.
YOU'LL FIND HER AT THE RANSAP INN.
SHE TOOK OFF WITH THE SYNDICATE'S PRINTING PLATE.

NO TELL US HOW TO DO JOB, DUMMY.
IF WE HAVE BETTER OFFER, WE NOT TAKE THIS ONE.
SHENHUA'S RIGHT, COWBOY.
GO BACK TO AUSTIN AND IMPREGNATE A HORSE.
DON'T BE TELLING US HOW TO DO OUR JOBS.
GET LOBOS IN HERE.
SHUT UP AND LISTEN TO ME.
THIS IS BUSINESS. YOU GUYS ARE BASICALLY ONE TEAM OUT OF MANY.
CAVE DWELLERS LIKE YOU MIGHT NOT UNDERSTAND THIS, BUT A TEAM NEEDS A COVER NAME.
WHAT? YOU GIVE US NAME LIKE GREEN OR ORANGE OR MELON OR WATERMELON?
YOU WATCH TOO MUCH TV. MAKE YOU STUPID.
SO, I'M GONNA GIVE YOU ONE-
WHAT'S THE POINT?
YEAH. THERE AIN'T GONNA BE NO COPS AROUND HERE.
THAT'S WHY I HATE NEWBIES. YOU GUYS HAVE NO IDEA HOW THINGS ARE DONE.
GO BACK TO TEXAS.

AS...LONG AS...YOU INTRODUCE ...
...THE NEW FACES... THERE SHOULDN'T BE...A PROBLEM.
WHO ARE YOU?
YEAH, I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU BEFORE.
YA, WHAT SYNDICATE YOU GET JOB FROM?
WHAT... ARE YOU... TALKING ABOUT?
SHENHUA... YOU CAME TO ME...WITH A JOB...LAST TUESDAY.
HUH?
ME?
HI!
SORRY FOR LATE. SORRY FOR LATE.
GSHNK!
YOU READY?

SN
AP
REALLY STUPID THIS MAN. STEALING FROM CHANG.
THAT WHY WE HAND HIM TO OTHER ORGANIZATION.
...
WHUD
DISPOSAL OR DELIVERY?
CHANG SAY HE WANT TO MAKE EXAMPLE.
KLUNK
KLUNK
KLUNK
MMMMM!!
MMPH! MMPH!
CHANG NO TELL ME. EITHER WAY OKAY BY ME.
CHOP CHOP? GRIND?
...
BRRGGG!
VRR
VRR
VRR
MMRRRG !!
OKAY I DELIVERED TO YOU, OKAY?
HE NOW YOURS.

HAH?!
YOU SAWYER THE CLEANER?!
YOU'RE SHITTIN' ME!!
WOW.
FIRST TIME I SEE YOUR FACE.
YEAH, WITHOUT YOUR WHITE MASK AND GOGGLES, WHO KNEW?
CLAP
CLAP
AH...
CAN WE GET BACK TO BUSINESS?
THAT MAN OVER THERE... HE'S NEW.
OH YEAH.
NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE.
... ...
HEY YOU TWO.
WHAT'RE YOUR NAMES?

SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOU GUYS, BUT...
...WHAT IS THAT YOU'RE DRINKING?
IS THAT MILK?
...LOTTON...
"THE WIZARD".
I'M CLAUDE "TORCH" WEAVER.
I DON'T DRINK FOR RELIGIOUS REASONS.
COUPLA REAL PARTY ANIMALS.
...I DON'T DRINK.
BEER MAKES ME PUKE.
KACHIK
IF THEY NO HOLD US BACK, THEY NO PROBLEM.
WHAT YOU CARRY?

SNIK
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE A GUNSLINGER.
HOLY SHIT!!
FOOOO
HK
YOU FUCKIN' CRAZY?!
YOU TRYIN' TO BURN THE PLACE DOWN?!
I...
I'VE...
HAD...
ENOUGH OF THIS SHIT!!
AIYA...
WELL, NOW WE KNOW WHAT WE ALL CARRY.
EVERYBODY OKAY WITH THAT?

MURMUR
MURMUR
I GOT A CAR. WE'LL RIDE SEPARATELY.
HEY, IS THE RANSAP INN FAR FROM HERE?
YUP.
LET'S GET THIS DONE SO WE CAN HAVE A DRINK.
ALL RIGHT. LET'S DO THIS.
...
WHAT ABOUT YOU, COWBOY.
YOU STAY HERE?
Kadok
SHADDUP.
IF I SAY SHE'S GONNA SHOW, SHE'S GONNA SHOW.
EDA!
SHE REALLY GONNA SHOW?
THIS TURNS OUT TO BE LIKE THE PUMPKIN KING AND YOU'RE DEAD.

I HAVE A QUESTION.
IS THIS GOING TO TURN INTO ANOTHER FIREFIGHT? IT IS, ISN'T IT?
AS IF YOU HAD THE BRAINS TO UNDER-STAND.
HUH?
WHAT, DO I GOTTA STAND ON MY HEAD IF I'M GONNA BELIEVE YOU?
WHAT?
YOU JEALOUS?
YO, EDA.
CAN I SMACK YOU? PLEASE?
WHAT'S THE MATTER, ROCK? ♡
WE WON'T LET 'EM PUT ANY HOLES IN YOU. ♡
SQUEEZE!
FUU
WAAAAA!
WELL, LOOKS LIKE IT'S ABOUT THAT TIME.
OKAY, REVY.
LET ME SPELL IT OUT FOR YOU.
BK
IT STARTS...
...IN THE ROOM NEXT TO HERS...
A

...AND RUNS OUT TO THE HALLWAY TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON.
SHE WAKES UP FROM THE NOISE...
...GRABS WHATEVER SHE HAS TO GRAB...
THAT'S WHEN...
...SHE RUNS INTO THE BAD GUYS.
AND SHE'LL DO IT...
CUZ SHE'S UTTERLY CLUELESS.
RIGHT?
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S IN THE ONLY ROOM WITH AN EMERGENCY EXIT DOOR.
...WHO WOULD NEVER THINK THERE'S A ROOM BEHIND THE FIRE DOOR EITHER.

IF SHE DIES THERE, SO BE IT.
BUT MY GUESS IS SHE'LL TURN AROUND AND CLOSE THE FIRE DOOR.
THAT'LL BUY HER SOME TIME.
THE HIT SQUAD'LL KICK DOWN THE DOOR AND BUST IN.
BUT THE ROOM'LL BE EMPTY.
HOW DO YOU FIGURE?
IT'S NOT GONNA GO EXACTLY AS YOU THINK, DIPSHIT.
ACTUALLY...
SHE'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO.

IF SHE LIES DOWN ON THE BED AND LOOKS UP...
SHE'LL SEE IT.
SHE'LL KNOW WHAT IT MEANS WHEN THE TIME COMES.
ESCAPE FROM DEATH
ISN'T THAT A LITTLE TOO OBVIOUS?
IT'S LIKE GRAFFITI ON THE BATHROOM WALL.
WHAT IS THIS SHIT, SIMON SAYS?
THE MORE OBVIOUS THE BETTER!
ANYWAY! AFTER THAT...

AS LONG AS SHE FOLLOWS THE ARROWS...
...SHE'LL BE LIKE BRETT FAVRE SCORIN' A TOUCHDOWN.
SHE'S NOT GONNA BE ABLE TO ESCAPE THAT EASILY.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE COME. YOUR NICKNAME IS LINUS FROM NOW ON!
KEEP TALKING, REVY.
IT'S WORKED FOUR TIMES OUT OF SEVEN. I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING.
HUFF!
HUFF!
HUFF!
HUFF!
TNK
TNK
TNK

ZOOM
BINGO! WHAT'D I TELL YA!
HOLY CRAP?!
GO, ROCK!
SKRRK
Y-YOU'RE ...!!
WHOA! WHOA! WHOA!
HEY THERE, KIDDO.
OUT FOR A LATE NIGHT JOG?

THINK REAL HARD. YOUR HEAD'S NOT MADE JUST FOR WEARING HATS IS IT?
IF YOU REALLY DON'T WANNA GIVE ME THE PLATE, MAYBE NEXT TIME YOU SHOULD RUN INTO A MOSQUE.
I THOUGHT...
...I WAS...
DEAD!
OH YEAH?
WELL. NEED A LIFT?
YOU'RE A REAL SCUMBAG, EDA.
ROCK?
I'M TIRED. TAKE ME BACK TO THE CHURCH.
YOU SCREWED...
...ME!!
Y-Y-Y...
YOU...
HEY NOW.
THAT'S NO WAY TO TALK TO YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL. YOU SAW THE SIGNS DIDN'T YA?
THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS!
OKAY, FINE!!
Y-YOU...
BITCH!!

SKRCK
...YOU BETTER HELP ME...
OR I'LL COME BACK TO HAUNT YOU!
WE GOT A DEAL!
"ASK AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN TO YOU."
THK
THK
RELAX.
I DO THIS TOO MANY MORE TIMES AND I'LL LOSE CUSTOMERS.
YO.
WHAT? YOU GUYS TAKING A LATE NIGHT JOG TOO?
HEY! EDA!
WHAT THE HELL'RE YOU DOIN' HERE?!
HOW 'BOUT IT, EDA?
WE CAN CUT YOU IN ON THE-
WE'RE AFTER THAT GIRL.
JOB PAYS A GRAND A HEAD!

BLAM
...
YOU BITCH!!
GS
FAK!
WHO'RE YOU CALLIN' A BITCH, ASSHOLE?
SI
CHK
WE'VE ALREADY GOT...
...A MILLION-DOLLAR JOB.
GO HOME AND WATCH THE *TONIGHT SHOW.*

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SO IT'S "WE" NOW, HUH?
EDA?
YUP. PAYMENT ON THE SPOT.
TAKE 'EM, REVY.

SCREECH

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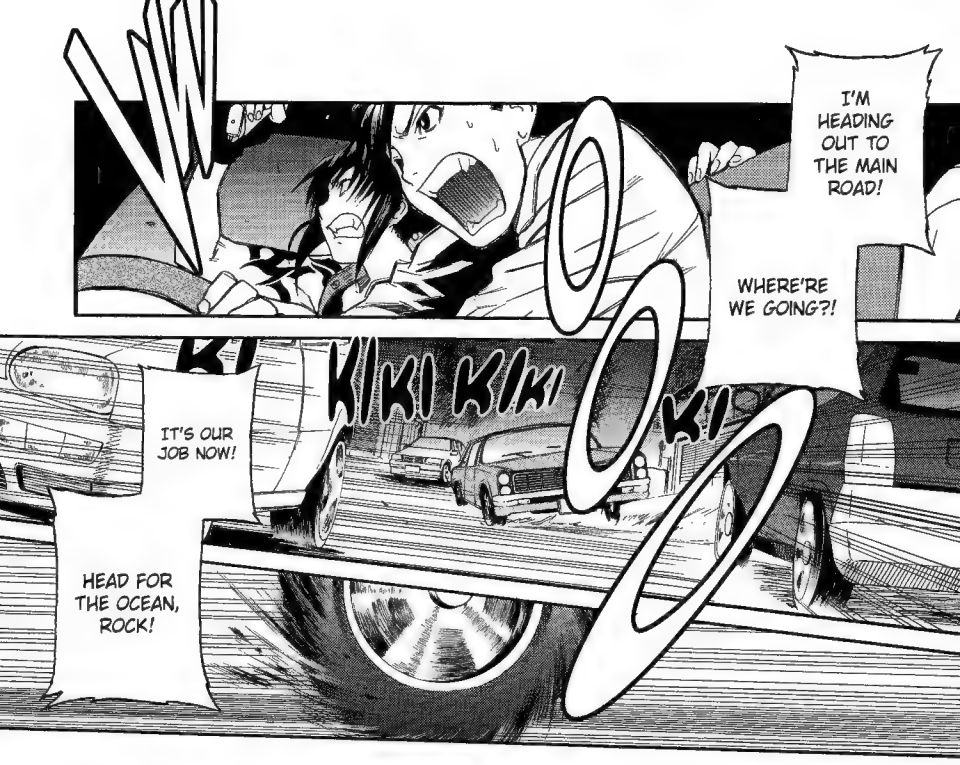
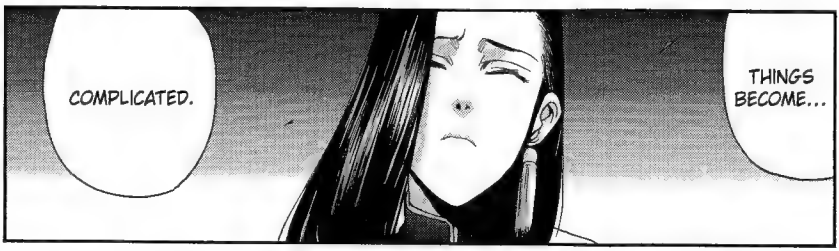

I'M HEADING OUT TO THE MAIN ROAD!
WHERE'RE WE GOING?!
KIKI KIKI KI
IT'S OUR JOB NOW!
HEAD FOR THE OCEAN, ROCK!


COMPLICATED.
THINGS BECOME...

IT'S NOT ABOUT KIDNAPPING A GIRL ANYMORE! THIS DEER HUNT'S BECOME A TIGER HUNT!
IT'S BEYOND COMPLICATED!
IT'S THE GODDAMNED RIP-OFF CHURCH LADY AND THE LAGOON'S FEMALE GUNMAN!

WHAT ?!
THINGS DIFFERENT NOW.
WE SPLIT UNLESS WE GET 30 GRAND EACH.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU BOZOS DOING?!
GET AFTER 'EM!
KACHA!
YOU GUYS ARE UNBELIEVABLE!
HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND?!
THIRTY GRAND EACH JUST BECAUSE OF TWO THUGS?!
COWBOY.
WHAT?!
COWBOY.
THIS NOT FLORIDA. IT'S ROANAPUR.
YOU UNDERSTAND?

I KNOW WHO THEY ARE. THEY NOT GANG BANGERS HAVING FUN DOING GRAFFITI.
WE NOT EITHER. WE PUT FOOD ON TABLE BY KILLING WHO NEED KILLING.
YOU KEEP LOW-BALLING US AND YOU CAN FIND SOMEBODY ELSE DO YOUR JOB.
UNDERSTAND?
SW
SO, WHO ARE THEY?
WAIT A SECOND.
YOU SAID YOU KNOW WHO THEY ARE.
YOU TALK BIG, CHINA GIRL.
I JUST HOPE YOU AIN'T ALL MOUTH.
SW
KNOW THEM?
YOU AMATEUR IN THIS TOWN IF YOU NOT KNOW THEM.
COWBOY.

HURRY UP AND CALL LOBOS.
MAKE THINGS QUICKER.
WHA...?!
THEY IN HURRY. THEY NO STOP TO SMELL ROSES.
THAT MEAN...
THEY GOING ONLY TO ONE PLACE.
WHOA WHOA WHOA.
THIS ISN'T WHAT WE AGREED ON.
NOBODY TOLD ME THE BOAT'S OUT.

WE GOT A RUSH JOB A LITTLE WHILE AGO.
WANT SOMETHING TO DRINK?
YOU GOT SOME ARDBEG PROVENANCE, DON'T YOU? GIMME SOME OF THAT.
YOU CRAZY? THAT'S DUTCH'S PRIVATE STASH.
YOU EVEN LICK THAT AND I'LL ROUGH YOU UP AND GIVE YOU A PEPSI ENEMA.
CHEAPSKATE.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH JIM BEAM?
WE'RE STOCKED UP ON THAT.
YOU START GETTING PICKY AND YOU CAN DRINK OUT OF OUR TOILET.
REVY, IS EDA THERE TOO?
YEAH, SHE'S HERE.
SORRY FOR THE INTERRUPTION.
NO WORRIES, LET'S GET BACK TO BUSINESS.
SO THE SITUATION'S *COMME CI, COMME CA*?
ZSH
ZSH
ZSH
ZSH
THAT'S RIGHT.
EDA'S HERE AND WE GOT WEAPONS. THAT SHOULD MAKE UP FOR THE DEAD WEIGHT.
COULD BE WORSE.
WE SHOULD REACH THE PORT BY 0700, BUT WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO SWITCH THE CARGO.

JANE?
SHE WENT INTO THE STORE ROOM AS SOON AS WE GOT HERE.
SO, ROCK?
WHAT'S THE GIRL UP TO?
WE'LL CONTACT ISAAC FOR YOU.
THE RIP-OFF CHURCH'S PAYING FOR THIS ONE.
IT'S BEEN AN HOUR SINCE.
Help | Options | Explore
The item which I want to analyze
MsgBox
It is not approved file. try
OK
TAP
OPEN PORTS 192...168... DNS SERVER... IS THIS IT?
SCAN WITH SPICE, BOX...
INFILTRATE TSIG USING THE ROOT AUTHORIZATION ....

I CAN'T EVEN CRACK MY OWN SAFE. HOW STUPID OF ME.
DAMN.
THE SHELL'S PORT IS GETTING REJECTED.
I'M REALLY SAD YOU'RE DEAD. THANKS TO YOUR IMMENSE TALENT...
...I'M REALLY IN DEEP TROUBLE.
...
NICELY DONE, THEO.
BLT
PIPE DOWN.
STAY THERE, SHUT UP, AND DON'T MOVE.
WHAT WAS THAT?!
THE LIGHTS JUST WENT OUT!

KC
I CAN SMELL 'EM.
SHIT.
YOU SEEING THIS, REVY?
A BUNCHA LOW-LIFE MOTHER-FUCKERS OUT FOR A MIDNIGHT STROLL.
H
K
CHAK
SHCHK
KLK

CHIK
I DIDN'T HEAR YOU KNOCK...
...FUCKERS.
BLAM
BLAM BLAM
BLAM
ROCK!

VA
INK
DAS.
TAKE THE GIRL...
...AND RUN FOR THE EXIT!
SH!
RAAA
RRAA

WAAAAAA!
AAA
ROCK ?!
BAN BAN BAN
BRA KKA BRA KKA BRA
KRAGH SPAK SPAK KRAK!
HOLY FUCKIN' SHIT!!
DA DA DA

I...
I DON'T HAVE A GUN!!
KA-CHA
WHAT'RE YOU WAITING FOR?!
SHOOT! SHOOT!
BZ
HOA!
ZZ
AA
HUH ?!
ARE YOU STUPID OR SOMETHING ?!
YEAH...
I THINK I MIGHT BE...
NO! GET BACK HERE!
THAT DOOR LEADS TO THE DOCK!!
GA
GA
GA
GA
GA
E...
EEK!

I'M...
OUTTA-
F...
F...
FORGET THIS!!
OMG
WTF
...HI THERE.
I GOT A FAVOR TO ASK.
COULD I JUST GET PAST YOU HERE?
DO YOU LIKE BARBECUES ...
...YOUNG LADY?
WAAAA!
F-CO
M

EZKK ZAZAZA IRR GZZ
SHH
SLAM
BKA
BKAM
BKAM
BAM BAM
BAM
SHF
OUTTA THE WAY, ROCK!
REVY!
BRRT
BRRT
THOSE JERKS ON THE OTHER SIDE ARE MAKIN' A LOT OF NOISE! CAN YA DO SOMETHIN' ABOUT IT?!
DAT
HEY, KID!
KICK THAT BOX OVER TO HER!
DAI

CH
AK
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME...
...YOU HAD SUCH NICE TOYS.
TWP!
BRRT
BRRT
BRRT
BRRT
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
SO WHAT?
YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE!
HEY, THAT'S MERCHANDISE!
BANG
KAK
KAK
SHOONK
SHOONK
KSHOONK
BOOOM

ROCK!
TAKE THE GIRL AND GET UPSTAIRS!
REVY, C'MON!
REVY!

SHENHUA!
WOW.
GOOD GUESS.

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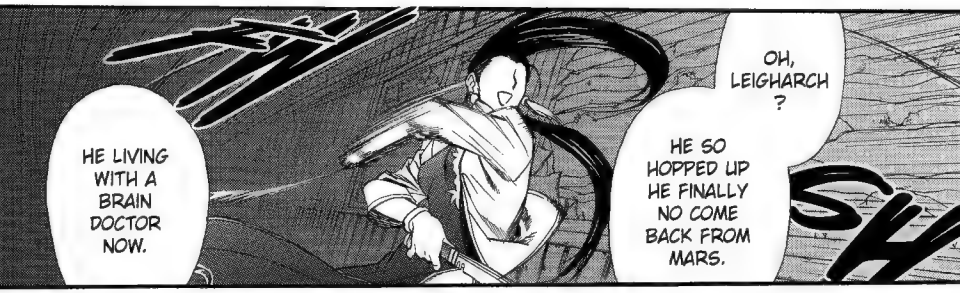

SOME ASSHOLE LIT THE OTHER EXIT ON FIRE.
THE FRONT DOOR'S BEEN BLASTED AWAY BY EXPLOSIVES. EVEN IF WE'RE ABLE TO GET DOWN WE'RE SITTING DUCKS.
WELL THAT'S A REAL BUMMER!
LISTEN TO ME, EDA.
THE ONLY WAYS OUT ARE THE EMERGENCY EXIT WHERE THEY ARE AND THE HATCH WHERE ROCK IS.
SHE'S STANDING ON AN AIR DUCT.
SEND HIM MY REGARDS!!
WE ALSO GOT A BABYSIT ROCK AND THE GIRL.
BUT WE TAKE OUR TIME GOING UP THAT HATCH THEY'LL BE RIGHT ON OUR ASSES.
THE EMERGENCY EXIT'S A BAD IDEA. EVEN IF WE GET PAST BOTH OF THEM, THEY TOSS A GRENADE AND WE'RE SCREWED.
I DON'T LIKE PLAYING A WAITING GAME.
I'LL LURE THAT BITCH OUT ON THE DUCT. YOU THINK YOU CAN GET HER?
EDA.
THESE WALLS ARE THIN. MY CUTLASS CAN SHOOT THROUGH THEM.
CHK CHK

YOU BET YOUR ASS.
FSH
YOU DRAW HER TOWARD THE EXIT AND TAKING HER OUT WON'T BE A PROBLEM.
FINE.
THE PSYCHO CHAINSAW CHICK WILL BE JUMPING OUT TOO. GET 'EM BOTH.
SURE THING.
TAP
ZSHA
ZSHA
DUTCH, IT'S NOT WORKING.
I'VE TRIED TWICE, BUT THEY HAVEN'T RESPONDED.
ALL RIGHT. SO WE CAN BE SURE IT'S A FIREFIGHT.

VRR
VRR
VRR
WE'LL SOON BE WITHIN VISUAL RANGE OF THE PORT.
WELL? YOU SEE ANYTHING?
ONLY THE BUDDHA BY THE COVE AND THE CITY LIGHTS. HOLD ON?
OH ABSOFUCKINGLUTELY WONDERFUL!
ROANAPUR UNDER NUCLEAR ATTACK OR SOMETHING?
THAT WOULDA BEEN BETTER.
I WOULDN'T BE THE ONLY ONE TO LOSE OUT IF THAT WAS THE CASE.
WHAT IS IT, DUTCH?
LOOKS LIKE A GODDAMNED KKK RALLY...
...ON MY DOCK, FOR CHRIST'S SAKE!!

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
HERE THEY COME!
BANG
BANG
!

...SHE DOWN?
DUNNO.
STAY SHARP.
I WON'T BE ABLE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT UNTIL I GET THAT GOTH CHICK.
WE LET HER GO AND YOU CAN BE SURE SHE'LL BE BACK. LET'S DO THEM BOTH HERE.
YO, EDA!!
...
I GOT YOU.
YES?
WP

EDA!
GRAB!
BZZ
OH, I THINK I GOT WRONG ONE.
VOICE SOUND LIKE NUN.
SAWYER!!

VRA
SHAK
AA
SHIT!
REVY! OUR TARGET'S OVER THERE! GO!
BANG
BANG
BANG

NO NEED TO TAKE YOUR LIFE.
BUT I NO WANT TROUBLE LATER.
...EDA.
THAT GOTH CHICK'S ALREADY PULLED UP THE LADDER. WE CAN GET ROCK LATER.
BEG FOR YOUR LIFE, TELL SOME JOKES, I DON'T CARE. JUST GET HER ATTENTION!
CHK
HEEY.
YOU LISTENING, SKANK?
IT NOT HARD. PUT DOWN GUN.
YOU KILL NUN, YOU GO TO HELL. NOT GOOD, YES?
SC
HG

SMIRK
YOU BAD ACTOR.
BITCH...
...NOT INSIDE, YES?
REVY! FORGET ABOUT ME!
JUST SHOOT!
MANY PEOPLE DIE IN MOVIES LISTENING TO SUCH BABBLE.
SO I HAVE QUESTION FOR YOU. I STUPID? DO I LOOK LIKE IT?
OKAY? ALL RIGHT? IT'S UH, YOU KNOW, UH...
...THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER! IT WAS ORIGINALLY SUNG BY A DRUNK-
WAIT WAIT WAIT WAIT! YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT JUST WAIT!
JUST HEAR ME OUT, WILL YA?!
再見了、修女。
(GOODBYE, SISTER.)
I TAOIST. NOT RELATED TO YOUR RELIGION.
...
YOU KNOW YOU GO TO HELL FOR KILLIN' A NUN?

DUMBASS.
DIRECT FLIGHTS TO HELL LEAVE EARLY. I BOUGHT US SOME TIME.
LOOK BEHIND YOU.
I'M WORKING ON IT.
HUEF
HUEF
HUEF
THIS IS AS HIGH AS WE CAN GO.
YOU GOT A PLAN?
HUFF!
HUFF!
PLEASE, CAN YOU JUST BE QUIET FOR A SECOND.
I NEED TIME TO THINK.
SO YOU ARE THE PLAN. THAT'S COMFORTING.
MAYBE WE OUGHTA PRAY OUR ASSES OFF AND A GOLDEN CHAIN WILL DROP DOWN TO US OUT OF THE SKY.
HUFF!

AREN'T YOU AT ALL GRATEFUL WE EVEN MADE IT THIS FAR?!
WELL, YOU GOT ANY BETTER IDEAS?!
GRATEFUL?! WE'RE IN A WORSE SITUATION BECAUSE OF YOU!
WHAT KIND OF IDIOT ARE YOU?!
HUH...?!
KL
GZZT...
...AH.
GOTCHA.

SLAP
BLA BLA BLA

AGH!
EDA, YOU FUCKING BITCH!
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN HER IF I HADN'T DISTRACTED HER!
AW, FORGET IT!
WHAT ABOUT UP TOP?!
NOT THIS SHIT AGAIN! THESE JUST HEALED! OW! LOOK AT THIS!
WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO CLIMB UP THE BEAM!
ALL RIGHT, I'M SORRY!!
THIS WAY-?!
KABOOM

WHA...
WHAT NOW?!
THE EXPLOSIVES OR SOMETHING MUST'VE CAUGHT ON FIRE!
IS THIS ROOF SAFE- NO!
FORGET THAT! HER! DO SOMETHING ABOUT HER!
SWF
DO WHAT?! ARE YOU NUTS?!
THERE'S NOTHING UP HERE FOR ME TO...?!
DRIP DRIP DRIP DRIP

AH...
HUH?
...

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WELL ...
THIS IS OUR CHANCE. WE GOTTA MAKE USE OF IT.
I AGREE.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT NOW'S THE TIME TO...
VRO
OM!
WAAAAA!!
GO! GO!
GZZAAA
SKRK

WHAT THE FUCK IS GOIN' ON?!
WHO TOLD YOU GUYS TO START THE VALENCIA FIRE FESTIVAL?!
WH
NK
ANYBODY HERE?! ANSWER ME GODDAMN IT!!
I DIDN'T TELL YOU TO IMMOLATE THIS DUMP!
I TOLD YOU CAPTURE HER, YOU IDIOT!
WHERE ARE THEY?!
GR
AB
TORCH!
UP ON THE ROOF, BUT WE CAN'T GET UP THERE FROM DOWN HERE ANYMORE.
THE FIRE'S TOO STRONG.
FW
O
O.O
YOU STUPID MOTHER-FUCKER!
KTH
NK
ROCK!!
YOU OKAY?!
WHERE'S THAT GOTH CHICK?!
UH...
WELL...
SHE'S RIGHT HERE ...

I DON'T QUITE UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION HERE BUT...
...WHAT THE HELL DID YOU GUYS DO?
ACTUALLY...
I DON'T REALLY KNOW.
HONESTLY.
WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HAPPENED.
MAYBE SHE LOST HER MECHANICAL VOICE BOX THINGY OR SOMETHING.
I KNOW WHAT IT IS.
SHE'S DEPRESSED. I'VE MET LOTS OF PEOPLE LIKE HER.
...THAT'S HORRIBLE.
HEY GOTH GIRL, YOU LISTENIN'?
THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GO OUTSIDE YOUR SKILL SET.

...!
REVY, YOU'RE BLEEDING.
OH? I'M FINE. IT'S NOT AS BAD AS IT LOOKS.
BUT IT'S DEEP ENOUGH THAT THE BLEEDING WON'T STOP.
THE DAMNED BOAT BETTER GET HERE SOON OR ELSE...
HEY! HEY! HEY!
IS THIS PLACE...
...CAVING IN?
BKRAK
KRAK
KRNCH
UH OH.
WAAAAAAA!
KKRAAAKRAK
SH
WHAM
KRNCH
RUUUUUUUUN!!
SHAA

WHMP
FIRE AR
MKII GRENADE GU
WALDP FIREARMS
THE DOCK'S BURNING DOWN.
HOW LONG TO THE PIER?
EXACTLY FIVE MINUTES, DUTCH.
NO. THEY'RE EITHER HIDING OR IN OUR BLIND SPOT, BUT...
ANY SIGNS OF REVY?
ZSH
THAT'S PLENTY.
COME ABOUT RIGHT AT THE PIER!
KA
...WE START RAISING HELL AND SHE'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO. THAT'S THE KIND OF GIRL SHE IS.
ZSH
CHK
HURRY BENNY BOY, WE'LL BE LATE FOR THE PARTY!
ZSH
ROGER. I'M PRETTY GOOD AT PARKING.

WAAAA!
RUN! RUN!
WHERE TO, GODDAMMIT?!
WE GOT NOTHING LEFT TO STAND ON!
HOW DO WE GET DOWN FROM HERE?!

THE NAME'S WIZARD.
...WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG?
I'VE GOT MY OWN REASONS FOR JOINING THIS HUNT.
LOTTON.
THE WIZARD.
IT'S NOTHING PERSONAL...
...BUT YOUR LIVES ARE MINE.

KA
BL
A
M
WHUMP
AIYA...
I SHOT ON IMPULSE...
WE GOT BIGGER THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT!
...BUT WHO WAS THAT? EVER SEEN HIM?
STOP! STOP!
TMP

WE'RE RIGHT AT THE EDGE!
REVY! IS THERE ANY WAY TO GET DOWN! A DRAINAGE PIPE?!
W...
FUCK NO...
!!
DM
DM
DM
BOOOW
WAAAA !!

I'M HEADING STRAIGHT INTO THE PIER. BE CAREFUL NOT TO GET THROWN OFF WHEN I MAKE THE TURN!
GOTCHA.
THE CAVALRY HAS ARRIVED!
VSAK

KRR
SH
TH
WAAAA!
TOOM TOOM
TOOM
TOOM
SHUU
SHUU
SHUU
NOW WHAT?!
WHAT THE FUCK IS GOING ON HERE?!
YAAAAAH!
...!

BO
T
THMP
WHRA
NG
WHM
THMP
THMP
WH
MP
VRH
AA

HURRY, REVY!
THE BOAT'S HERE! RUN!
THERE THEY ARE! GET 'EM!
SHA
BANG
BANG
SHA
STOOOP!!

ROGER!
SHU
NK
TOUCH-DOWN!
GO, BENNY!
VRG
STOOOA!
VRC
VRC
STOOOA!
DASH
AH

ZSH
ZSH
WH
SHIT!
WE HAVE A FEW GUESTS ON BOARD!
SH
CHAK
TAKE THE GIRL AND GO INSIDE!
ROCK!
GODDAMMIT! IT'S THE BOTTOM OF THE NINTH, TWO OUTS, BASES LOADED!

WHPP
OH.
YOU ALIVE TOO? YOU LUCKY MAN.
...WERE YOU WATCHING?
MM?
YEAH. MOST OF IT.
...WAS I COOL?
YOU LOOK LIKE THE KING OF IDIOTS.
YOU SHOULD STOP MAKING ENTRANCE FROM HIGH PLACES. PEOPLE THINK YOU STUPID.
AND...
Koff
Koff
...
YOU ALL RIGHT?
FW
P
DO I LOOK LIKE I CAN DANCE?
IF I DO, THAT REASSURING.
YOU SHOULD WEAR A VEST NEXT TIME.
THEY'RE PRETTY HANDY AT TIMES...
...LIKE THIS.

MY WEAPON IS MY ARMOR. WEARING BULKY THING PUT MY LIFE IN MORE DANGER.
THP
FROM LOOK OF THINGS...
THERE IS NO NEXT TIME. UNFORTUNATELY.
I'LL TAKE YOU...
...TO A DOCTOR.
GIMME YOUR HAND.
...
LEAVE ME ALONE AND GET BACK TO WORK.
NO GOOD COME FROM HELPING PEOPLE IN THIS TOWN.
I WON'T BE ABLE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT IF I LET A LADY DIE RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME.
PLUS ...
DON'T YOU THINK...
...IT ISN'T WORTH IT TO DIE FOR SUCH LITTLE PAY?
YOU...
...NOT SUITED FOR KILLING.
YOU MAKE BETTER MONEY SELLING WOMEN TO WHORE-HOUSE.
I'M NOT...
THAT CLEVER.

LET'S PICK HER UP TOO...
IF SHE'S ALIVE.
ONLY BURN VICTIMS DIE LIKE THAT. SHE LUCKY TOO.
THREE LUCKY PEOPLE SURVIVED TONIGHT. MAYBE WE WORK TOGETHER SOMETIME?
BANG
BANG
TORCH!
I'M GOING DOWN INSIDE! TAKE CARE OF THE GUNMEN!
ROGER THAT.
ZCHAK

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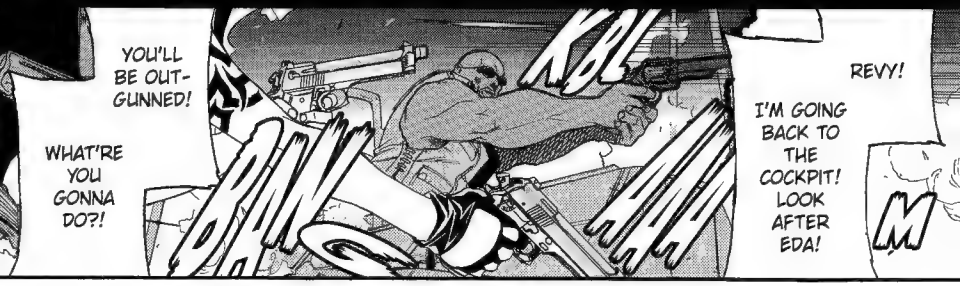


I'M GONNA GIVE THEM A RODEO RIDE...
...ON A BULL EVEN TUFF HEDMAN WOULD FREAK OUT OVER.
SOUNDS GROOVY, DUTCH.
BUZZ ME ON THE RADIO WHEN YOU SET IT OFF. I'LL MATCH YOU.
WHUD
KLUNK
LET'S LEAVE THE GUYS OUTSIDE TO REVY AND DUTCH! WE'LL BE SAFE DOWN HERE.
OH, I'M JUST GREAT.
I ONLY FELL ON MY FACE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
ROCK! THIS OUR GUEST?
JANET BAI. CALL ME JANE.
WELCOME ABOARD THE LAGOON.
YOU CAN CALL ME BENNY.
ALL RIGHT. YOU MUST BE EXHAUSTED, BUT THIS ISN'T THE GUEST CABIN.
JANE, YOU ALL RIGHT?!

...KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF MY STUFF. DON'T TOUCH MY 7UP OR MY DOOM CAMPAIGN DISK.
WHY DON'T YOU RETIRE TO MY ROOM FOR NOW. OH, AND...
ACTUALLY ...
WE HAVE UNINVITED GUESTS ONBOARD TOO.
ZAP
REVY! I'M STARTIN' THE ROUGH STOCK RODEO! YOU READY?!
YEAH! LET THE BULL LOOSE!
VROOOO

BTHD
WA...
AA AA!
SSHH
HOW 'BOUT THAT, EDA?! HAPPY NOW?!
YOU LUNATIC! WE'RE GONNA DIE!

KB
KAM
KBA
KBAM
BL
AM
BLA
BIN
G!
RAAAA!
YOU PESKY LITTLE BASTARDS !
TIME FOR YOU GUYS TO TAKE A DIP!!
BAM
BA
KA
CHAK
N
HUH?
WHE
HOW CARE-LESS OF YOU, REVYYY !!
I KILL YOU AND I MAKE A NAME FOR...

...MY-
IT'S JUST ONE TAURUS.
I'D BE CRYIN' IF IT WAS MY CUTLASS THOUGH.
WHAT A WASTE!
HOW MUCH YOU BUY THAT GUN FOR, REVY?
NO MORE BULL RIDING FOR ME. LET'S HEAD DOWN.
REVY...?
REVY!
YOU ENJOYING THE RODEO?
I'M LOVIN' IT.

EDA.
WE GOT A RAT THAT SNUCK DOWN INTO THE HOLD. WE GOTTA TAKE CARE OF HIM FIRST.
CHIK
I'LL HANDLE THIS GUY.
ALL RIGHT?
YA-

ONE QUESTION.
IS THIS BOAT ALWAYS DRIVEN LIKE THIS?
NO.
JUST TONIGHT.
OH YEAH?
I THOUGHT ROCKING YOUR GUESTS TO DEATH WAS YOUR BUSINESS.
HOW MUCH LONGER TILL WE GET TO OUR DESTINATION?
I'D SAY ABOUT EIGHT HOURS.
OKAY. THAT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH TIME.
WILL YOU GET THE LAPTOP FROM MY BAG, MR. JAPANESE GUY?
HUH?
WHAT BAG...?

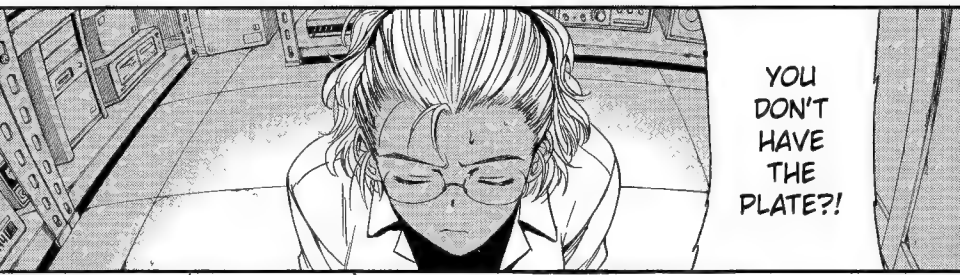
HOW WAS I SUPPOSED TO KNOW ?!
WHAT?! WHY?!
IF IT WAS SO IMPORTANT, YOU SHOULDA GRABBED IT YOURSELF!!
WHAT KIND OF MORON ARE YOU?! WHY DIDN'T YOU BRING IT?!
NO ROUGH-HOUSING IN HERE. YOU'LL BREAK MY GEAR.
IF I DON'T HAVE A COMPUTER OR ACCESS TO THE NET-
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITHOUT IT!
...
WHAT?
SLAM
JAAAAANE!
WHERE THE HELL ARE YOU?!
GET YOUR ASS OUT HERE!!

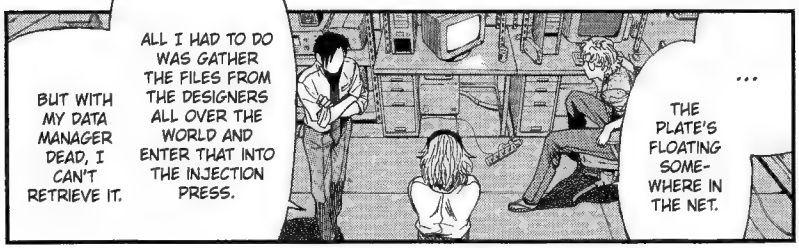
SHIT! SHIT! SHIT!
TMP
WHEN THIS IS OVER I'M GONNA DRINK TILL I PUKE...
...WATCH RAWHIDE ALL DAY AND DRINK ME SOME OF THAT GOOD STUFF--OLD RIP VAN WINKLE!
BUY MYSELF A NICE PIECE OF ASS...
...AND FUCK HER TILL MY BALLS TURN BLUE!
YOU CAN COUNT ON THAT, GODDAMMIT!
AIN'T NUTHIN' ELSE GONNA SATISFY ME..
CHK
WHAT A COMPLETELY FUCKED UP DAY!
WOW... YOU SEEM AWFULLY DEDICATED.
"TILL MY BALLS TURN BLUE"? YOU'RE QUITE THE COWBOY. A REAL STUD.
BUT BEFORE YOU DO ALL THAT...
...YOU BETTER WORRY ABOUT YOUR BALLS GETTING BLASTED TO HEAVEN. I GOT A DIRECT LINE TO GOD FOR YOU.
END

BMP
BLAM
DUTCH!!
THIS FUCKER'S GOT A FLAME-THROWER! HE'S BLOCKING MY VIEW WITH FLAMES!
SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE. HOW YOU GONNA GET OUTTA THERE?
TAKE HIM ON ANOTHER BULL RIDE! CAN YOU DO IT?!

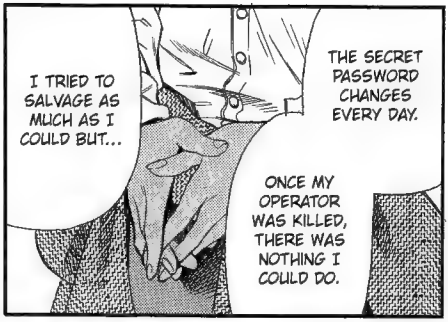
ALL RIGHT. NOT A PROBLEM. YOU GONNA MAKE IT?
I'LL SIGNAL YOU WHEN I LURE HIM TO HIS GRAVE, SO SWING THE BOAT SIDEWAYS!
THIS LARDASS IS QUICKER THAN HE LOOKS!
IT'S ALL UP TO YOUR TIMING.
LET'S DO IT!!
ZRK
BAK
RA
SHF
AA
AA!
BLA
BLAM

WHY DON'T YOU BACK OUT OF THE JOB THEN!
STAY OUTTA MY WAY, BITCH!
SHUT YOUR HOLE, REDNECK !!
I'M TIRED OF FUCKING AROUND WITH YOU PEOPLE!
NO CAN DO, YOU CUNT!!
THE PLATE'S OURS!
BAM
BLAM


YOU DON'T HAVE THE PLATE?!

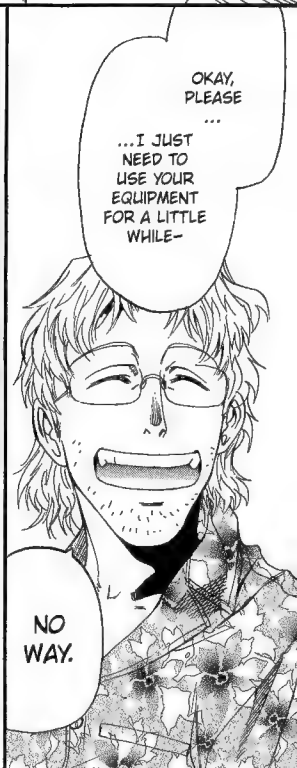

ALL I HAD TO DO WAS GATHER THE FILES FROM THE DESIGNERS ALL OVER THE WORLD AND ENTER THAT INTO THE INJECTION PRESS.
BUT WITH MY DATA MANAGER DEAD, I CAN'T RETRIEVE IT.
...
THE PLATE'S FLOATING SOME-WHERE IN THE NET.

WE'RE SETTLED WITH THE RIP-OFF CHURCH, SO WE'RE OKAY.
YEAH.
THE PROBLEM IS EDA.


I TRIED TO SALVAGE AS MUCH AS I COULD BUT...
THE SECRET PASSWORD CHANGES EVERY DAY.
ONCE MY OPERATOR WAS KILLED, THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO.

BANG!
Y-YOU'RE...
...KIDDING, RIGHT?
AROUND HERE, JOKES HAVE A WAY OF BECOMING REALITY.
WHEN SHE FINDS OUT YOU DON'T HAVE THE PLATE... SHE'LL GET SOME WOOD AND NAILS AND CRUCIFY YOU HERSELF.

SAY WHAT YOU WANT, BUT YOU'RE NOT TOUCHING MY GEAR.
I'D RATHER DRINK A PINT OF CASTOR OIL THAN LET A STRANGER TOUCH MY EQUIPMENT.
WHY NOT ?!
YOU STINGY PRICK!


OKAY, PLEASE ...
...I JUST NEED TO USE YOUR EQUIPMENT FOR A LITTLE WHILE-
NO WAY.

UNLESS...

I HOPE HE DOESN'T LET ME DOWN. IF IT'S SOMETHING A JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL KID CAN DO–
I'M CHARGING YOU FOR WASTING MY TIME.
I'M KINDA INTERESTED IN WHATEVER TRICKS YOUR OPERATOR PLANTED.
...I GET TO MESS AROUND WITH IT. THEN IT'S A DIFFERENT STORY.
WHAM
BLAM
BLAM
OOM
C'MON, YOUNG LADY.
SHWP
JUST GIVE IT UP AND I'LL MAKE IT QUICK.
IT WON'T BE THAT BAD. IT'LL BE OVER IN A FLASH. MY WIFE DIDN'T LAST MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES.
BOY OH BOY.
I MUST BE GETTING OLD. PLAYING TAG WITH A YOUNG GIRL LIKE YOU IS FUN, BUT...
KNG
KNG
...THESE OLD BONES JUST DON'T MOVE LIKE THEY USED TO.
WHAT DO YOU SAY, YOUNG LADY?
AS LONG AS I CAN GET A WHIFF OF YOUR BURNING FLESH, I'LL BE SATISFIED.
IT'S A GREAT DAY FOR A BARBECUE!

SHOOSH
THOO
ZSH
ZSH
SHK
ZSH
NK

DUTCH!

KCHAK

DO THE ROCKETMAN, BABY.
M
FWOO
SH
BK
OOM

THIS BOAT REALLY IS TRYING TO KILL ME.
OKAY.
WONDER-FUL...
...LET ME GET A PEEK AT THE DATA BEFORE I PUKE TO DEATH.
NAH.
IT'S NOTHING PERSONAL.
WHO CARES ABOUT YOUR CLASS?!
KLK KLK KLK
NOW, NOW.
I COULD ALWAYS USE A BUFFER OVERLOAD AND TAKE CONTROL.
BUT A FORCED ENTRY ISN'T CLASSY.
TAK TAK TAK
...
IT'S NOT AN IFSR CODE MODIFICATION.
MY HUNCH TELLS ME IT'S SOME KIND OF GOST TYPE.
JUST SIT BACK AND WATCH.
I'M RUNNING SIX GOST DECRYPTION TOOLS SIMULTANEOUSLY.
IF ANY ONE OF THE INDICATORS ON THE SCREEN IS IT, IT'LL BEGIN DOWNLOADING.
AUSTRIA
SIG
SLK

YOU HEAR THAT BANG COWBOY?
THAT WAS THE SOUND OF MY PARTNER TAKING CARE OF YOUR FAT FRIEND.
YOU'RE ALL THAT'S LEFT.
GO AHEAD. GO FOR IT. I'LL BLOW YOUR HEAD OFF AND THROW YOU OVERBOARD.
IT'S UP TO YOU, COWBOY.
CH
AK
...!
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT!
SHIT!
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO TELL MY BOSS!
ARE YOU SAYING LOBOS WILL ELIMINATE ELVIS?
CAN HE REALLY DO THAT...?
...?
WHAT?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL HIM SHIT. LOBOS WILL TAKE CARE OF THE REST.
HE KNOWS HOW THINGS ARE DONE IN THIS TOWN.
WAIT A SECOND... YOU'RE...
I'VE SEEN YOU BEFORE. I THINK IT WAS...
...FLORIDA... NO. IT WAS...
...D.C. WASHINGTON D.C.! I'M POSITIVE!

I DIDN'T NOTICE TILL NOW BECAUSE OF THE SHADES AND THE NUN GETUP.
I'LL PUT IT THIS WAY THEN. IT WAS A GIRL WHO LOOKED EXACTLY LIKE YOU.
OH YEAH? I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE.
BESIDES I'M FROM ALABAMA. I'VE NEVER EVEN BEEN TO D.C.
LET IT GO, COWBOY.
YOU'RE MISTAKEN. IT'LL DO YOU NO GOOD TO-
HEY.
IT WAS WHEN DON GIROLAMO VISITED D.C. TO MEET... WHATSISFACE ...
WHEN WAS IT?
SHIT!
FIRE BLAST
JACK BONHAM.
I REMEMBER.
IT WAS THAT FUCKIN' SENATOR...

CHI
CHI
CHI
A pertinence file was found
This file is a correct unlock the key?
Yes
No
I WON THE BET.
TIME TO PAY UP-
YOUR OPERATOR WAS GOOD, BUT NOT THAT GOOD!
IN YOUR FACE KEVIN MITNICK! YUP! YUP! WAY TO GO, ME!
SEE! SEE!
IT WAS A GOST! IT PAYS TO TRUST YOUR HUNCH! TALLYHO!!

W...
W...
WHAT THE...?
HEY.
YOU KNOW...
YOU'RE ACTUALLY PRETTY CUTE AND SEXY.
W...
WELL AT LEAST NOW...
...EDA WON'T RIP YOU APART.
SHE CAN GO BACK TO THE CHURCH HAPPY.
A HAPPY ENDING.
THIS COULDA BEEN...
...A HAPPY ENDING.
THIS GIRL YOU SPEAK OF WAS WEARING A DARK BLUE SUIT, WASN'T SHE?
SHE HAD DINNER WITH SOME SENATORS AND SEVERAL OTHER MEN AT A FRENCH PLACE CALLED FONTAINEBLEAU.

WAIT A SECOND...
ARE YOU...?
YOU'VE MADE A MISTAKE. I'M NOT THAT WOMAN.
I'M THE NUN FROM THE RIP-OFF CHURCH.
THE CONVER-SATION SHE HAD WITH THOSE MEN WAS ABOUT...
KLK
...THE INTERFERENCE AND DESTABILIZATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES WITHIN THE EAEC THAT WERE AGAINST NORTH AMERICAN-STYLE FREE TRADE.
THAT'S RIGHT! IT WAS FONTAINE-BLEAU!!
BUT...
HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT BONHAM...?
MY HOMETOWN IS...
LANGLEY, VIRGINIA.
I WASN'T BORN IN ALABAMA.
BUT I'LL TELL YOU ONE THING.
YOU'RE CI-!
THP
BLA

TMP
YO.
TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH.
YOU SEND HIM TO HELL?
YUP.
WE'LL BE AT THE PORT SOON. WE CAN CHILL FOR A BIT.
YEAH.
GOD IS IN HIS HEAVEN, ALL IS RIGHT WITH THE WORLD.

BLACK
LAGOON

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FORGIVE ME, SIR.
BUT...
...TODAY IS THE MVR'S FOUNDING CELEBRATION. THERE ARE SOME PARTIES, BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC, WHO THINK LESS THAN HIGHLY OF IT.
KL
IK
FIND ANY BOMBS?
ROBERTA?
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*MVR: *MOVIMIENTO V REPÚBLICA*, (FIFTH REPUBLIC MOVEMENT) - THE RULING LEFTIST POLITICAL PARTY IN VENEZUELA, FOUNDED BY HUGO CHAVEZ, THE CURRENT VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT

I ALMOST FORGOT. IT'S ABOUT THE ARRANGEMENTS AT THE CORPUS CHRISTI.
LET'S STOP BY THE MARKET IN FLORENCE BEFORE WE LEAVE. DO WE HAVE TIME?
YES, SIR. AND PLEASE...
...DO NOT FORGET ABOUT YOUR SON'S BIRTHDAY GIFT.
SNAP!
OF COURSE NOT.
HE MUST BE ANXIOUSLY WAITING FOR IT.
YOU'LL BE HAVING DINNER WITH THE FARMERS AND MINERS?
WE DO HAVE TIME, BUT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO TAKE EVERYTHING WITH US.
HA HA! INDEED IT WILL!
WHY DON'T WE JUST PLACE AN ORDER AT THE MARKET. IS THAT ALL RIGHT WITH YOU?
BUT REALLY...
YOU SPOIL MY SON AS USUAL. YOU CAN BE A LITTLE STRICTER ON HIM.
SIR!
I DO NOT MEAN TO BE!
IT IS MY DUTY AS A MAID TO REPRIMAND HIM WHEN HE MISBEHAVES.
BUT THE YOUNG MASTER ALMOST NEVER DOES, SO I RARELY HAVE THE NEED TO.
HA HA HA!
HAVING TROUBLE BECAUSE HE'S SO WELL BEHAVED. WHAT AN ENVIOUS PROBLEM.
WHAT DO YOU SAY YOU TRY AND THINK OF A GIFT HE WON'T POUT ABOUT...
...BEFORE THE FESTIVAL IS OVER.
YES, MASTER LOVELACE.

KLUNK
HURRA
THE CALDERA REGIME'S REBUILDING PLANS...
...DO NOT GUARANTEE THE FUTURE OF VENEZUELA!
¡VIVA VENEZUE
¡TRANSFOME A VENEZUEL
M·V·R
STARTING TODAY, WE, THE BOLIVAR REVOLUTION MOVEMENT, WILL OFFICIALLY TAKE PART IN THIS POLITICAL BATTLE UNDER THE NEW NAME OF THE MOVIMIENTO V REPÚBLICA-
...LIMA 4 TO H.Q...
CHK
THE OPERATION HAS SHIFTED TO PHASE 3.
SANTA ANA IS IN HIS SEAT. SO ARE MORALES AND SESMA.
H.Q. TO LIMA 4, WITHDRAW FROM CP AND PROCEED TO OBJECTIVE RALLY POINT.
CHK
GOLF 1, OPERATION HAS SHIFTED TO PHASE 3. WE ARE GOOD TO GO.
ZWD

INITIATE, GOLF 1. "DAVY CROCKETT HAS LEFT FOR LONE STAR"!
I REPEAT, "DAVY CROCKETT HAS LEFT FOR LONE STAR"!

100

VW
NONE AT THE MOMENT. OUR ALLIES IN THE COLUMBIAN AND VENEZUELAN MILITARY HAVE OPENED THE SECURITY CHECKPOINTS.
THUMP
THUMP
ALPHA TEAM WILL EX-FILTRATE VIA AIR, AND BRAVO TEAM VIA ROUTE 232 ACROSS THE BORDER. THINGS ARE GOING AS PLANNED. ANY UNFORESEEN EVENTS?
WE WILL RAPIDLY EX-FILTRATE UPON LINKING UP AT THE ORP.
IT'S A SHAME, DON'T YOU THINK?
HEADING STRAIGHT BACK TO THE BASE WATCHING ACAPULCO PASS BY OUTSIDE...
I COMPLETELY AGREE.
IF I HAD MY WAY, I'D GIVE THEM SOME R&R.
MAJOR CAXTON?
...AND RETURN TO POPE AIR FORCE BASE ON THE LEATHERNECKS' CHARTER PLANE. THEN OUR MISSION WILL BE COMPLETE.
KLUNK
WE'LL REJOIN THE UNITS AT CARTAGENA ...
THE OPERATION WAS EXECUTED PERFECTLY, THANKS TO OUR MEN AND THE GRACE OF GOD.
WE'VE KEPT COLLATERAL DAMAGE TO A MINIMUM.
WE MANAGED TO AVOID ANY UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES, AND ALL THE MEN ARE SAFE.
BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF COMPLAINING ABOUT IT, RAY.

WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU, MAJOR.
OUR NEXT OPERATION IS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.
HOPEFULLY WE CAN HAVE A DRINK ON PATAYA BEACH.
I'LL MAKE A REQUEST TO BRIGADIER GENERAL WILDER FOR SOME TIME OFF AFTER WE COMPLETE OUR NEXT MISSION.
WE'LL BE RELAXING IN MALIBU INSTEAD OF PATAYA BEACH.
YOU SHOULD BRING SHIRLEY AND BRENDA WITH YOU. IT'LL BE A WELL-DESERVED VACATION.
BECAUSE OUR NEXT OP...
...IS IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE. I WON'T LET THEM SAY NO.
DING DONG
ALMIGHTY GOD...
...OUR MAKER AND REDEEMER.
PLEASE FORGIVE THE SINS OF YOUR SERVANT...
...DIEGO JOSÉ SAN FERNANDO LOVELACE.
LET OUR EARNEST PRAYERS GRANT HIM YOUR FORGIVE-NESS.

OH LORD...
...GRANT HIM...
...ETERNAL PEACE.
SHINE UPON HIM ETERNAL LIGHT.
De noviembre De 1941
De agosto De 1996
...GRANT HIM...
PEACEFUL...
REST.
AMEN.
FATHER...
HE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING BAD...DID HE...?

MASTER LOVELACE ...
WAS A GREAT MAN.
HE GAZED UP INTO THE SKY...
...AND KEPT HIS FEET ON THE GROUND.
WHEN HE STANDS BEFORE OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST...
...THERE IS NOT A SINGLE THING...
...HE HAS TO BE ASHAMED OF.
19
THEN...
THEN WHY DID GOD...
...TAKE FATHER...TO HEAVEN?
IT WAS NOT THE LORD...
YOUNG MASTER.
IT IS ALWAYS MEN...
...THAT KILL OTHER MEN.
THEN... THESE MEN...
WHAT WERE THEY THINKING WHEN THEY KILLED HIM?
WHAT REASON COULD THEY HAVE HAD...
...TO WANT TO KILL HIM?

SPLASH
...YOUNG MASTER.
I KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT.
I KNOW IT ALL TOO WELL.
THAT IS WHY...
...I CANNOT TELL YOU, YOUNG MASTER
...ROBERTA?
ROBERTA...?
ARE YOU CRYING?

KTNK
SKRK
SHA
A
A
A
A
A

COME ON OUT, ROSARITA.
THEY'RE GONE.
WELL, WELL.
IF ONLY THE POLICE AND THE MILITARY...
...WORKED THIS HARD ALL THE TIME.
I THANK YOU SEÑOR DIEGO...
...BUT I CANNOT PUT YOU IN ANY FURTHER DANGER.
I WILL LEAVE THE MANSION AT SUNSET.
I CAN'T THANK YOU E-
NOW, JUST A MOMENT, ROSARITA.
YOU ARE THE DAUGHTER OF ONE OF MY GOOD FRIENDS.
I WOULD DISGRACE THE LOVELACE FAMILY NAME IF I LET YOU LEAVE WITHOUT SERVING YOU A MEAL.
BESIDES...
IT WON'T BE SO BAD TO SIT DOWN WITH YOU AND PONDER YOUR OPTIONS.
THERE WILL STILL BE TIME...
...TO GO TROMPING THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS AFTER THAT.
DON'T YOU THINK?
THUNK
HMF...
W-WHOA!

SEÑOR DIEGO?
KA
LOP
OH...
HA HA.
YOU'VE CAUGHT ME AT AN EMBARRASSING MOMENT.
THE WEATHER WILL BE NICE FOR A WHILE, SO I THOUGHT I'D PRUNE THE GARDEN.
KLATTER!
WHY, SIR?
I COULD HAVE THE GARDENERS–
WE DON'T HAVE GARDENERS. WE DON'T HAVE SERVANTS HERE.
BESIDES I COULD USE THE EXERCISE. O-OOPS!
KLK
FROM WHICH PART OF THE GARDEN SHALL I START?
SEÑOR DIEGO.
NO! NO! NO! JUST MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME!
I CAN'T ALLOW A GUEST TO–
FORGIVE ME, BUT I DO NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF YOUR KINDNESS.
I HAVE NO PLACE TO GO NOR RETURN TO.
NOR DO I FEEL COMFORTABLE PRETENDING TO BE A MAID. IF I AM TO BE OF ANY SERVICE TO YOU, MASTER LOVELACE...
PLEASE TREAT ME AS IF I WERE A REAL MAID.
KYU

HEY, ROBERTA?
WHAT ARE THESE?
MASTER LOVELACE!
THOSE ARE THE WEAPONS THE VERY FIRST LOVELACE BROUGHT WITH HIM WHEN HE ARRIVED IN THE NEW WORLD WITH PIZZARO'S EXPLORERS.
THE COMUNEROS REBELLION, THE 1ST WAR OF INDEPENDENCE, THE BOLIVAR REVOLU...
...THERE HAVE BEEN GOOD TIMES AND BAD THROUGHOUT OUR FAMILY'S LONG HISTORY.
BUT...
...SEEING THESE WEAPONS DISPLAYED NOW...
MAKES ME BELIEVE THE BAD TIMES ARE IN THE PAST.
THESE, YOUNG MASTER?
THESE ARE-
DO THEY INTEREST YOU?

THE LOVELACE FAMILY CREED THAT WAS BORN IN THE FIRES OF WAR IS ALSO LONG GONE.
THAT'S NOT SUCH A BAD THING EITHER.
WOULDN'T YOU AGREE, ROBERTA?
THE GLORY DAYS MAY HAVE PASSED US BY AS WELL, BUT WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS PEACE.
DRP
DRP
"TO THE LIVING, BESTOW UPON THEM CHARITY."
"TO THE DEAD, LAY UPON THEM FLOWERS."
"TO BRING JUSTICE, I TAKE UP THIS SWORD..."
"...TO DELIVER DEATH AS PUNISHMENT UPON VILE ROGUES."
KKR
SSH
THAT...
...IS WHO WE ARE!!

YOUNG MASTER...

THK
THE TRUTH OF IT IS FAR TOO CRUEL FOR ME TO TELL YOU.
PLEASE, FORGIVE ME.
WHEN YOU ASKED...
"WHAT WERE THEY THINKING?"

WH
H
P
THEY WEREN'T THINKING...
...OF ANYTHING.
NOT A THING, YOUNG MASTER.
THEY HAD NO PITY. NO REACTION.
THEY HAD NO NEED TO KILL THEIR FEELINGS EITHER. THEY HAD NO NEED TO BE COLDHEARTED.
BECAUSE TO THOSE THAT KILL, THE VICTIMS...
...MEAN NOTHING.
FWP
FWP
FWP
EVERY-THING HE HAD LIVED FOR...
...WAS DENIED IN EXCHANGE FOR MONEY, GREED... PERHAPS A CAUSE.
THAT IS WHY MASTER LOVELACE WAS TAKEN AWAY, YOUNG MASTER.
HUH
HUH
SOMEBODY SOMEWHERE THOUGHT...
"IT WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT WITH HIM GONE."
AS FOR...
...THEIR REASONS...
WSH

SL
AP
IF I MUST BE BURNED ALIVE, SO BE IT.
...BUT...
I MAY REPENT, BUT THAT WILL NOT BRING BACK THE DEAD.
THAT IS ALSO THE PATH I HAVE WALKED.
LEAST OF ALL THE YOUNG MASTER!!
...THESE WERE NOT THE SINS...
...OF LORD LOVELACE...
GR
R
R
R
YOUNG MASTER.
I WILL NOT ROMANTICIZE THIS AS REVENGE. THIS IS ONLY...
...TWO FILTHY DOGS EATING EACH OTHER.
I FIRMLY BELIEVED...
...THAT NIGHT I HELD A GUN IN ROANAPUR...
...WOULD BE MY LAST.

KLICK
I VOW...
...IN THE NAME...
...OF SANTA MARIA.
AOOOH
AN IRON HAMMER ...
...TO ALL THE UN-RIGH-TEOUS!!

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THE PHONE'S RINGING?
YOU HAVEN'T HEARD A WORD I'VE SAID, HAVE YOU?
UH...
OH...HEY, SORRY BENNY.
I WAS JUST DAY-DREAMING. THE DOWN TIME HAS TAKEN MY EDGE OFF, I GUESS.
I THOUGHT IT WAS THAT SHIT YOU WERE SMOKING.
WHAT'S IN IT? RED TOP?
THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU ROCK. YOU STAY UP WATCHING POWER BOWL ALL NIGHT OR SOMETHING?
LAGOON TRADERS.
I'M NOT INTO THAT KIND OF STUFF.
THESE ARE JUST A LOCAL BRAND. REGULAR CIGARETTES.
PRETTY RARE FOR YOU TO CALL ME.
WHAT DO YOU WANT? DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE IN TROUBLE-
...HAVE WE HAD ANY STRANGE CLIENTS? ...I DON'T GET IT.
KLIK
WHY DO YOU ASK?

YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT, DUTCH.
"STRANGE CLIENTS."
HUH? WHAT WAS THAT? I COULDN'T QUITE...OH?
I DUNNO. I'M JUST HERE TO TAKE MESSAGES. I WAS ONLY TOLD TO ASK YOU.
WATSAP? NAW, HE AIN'T HERE.

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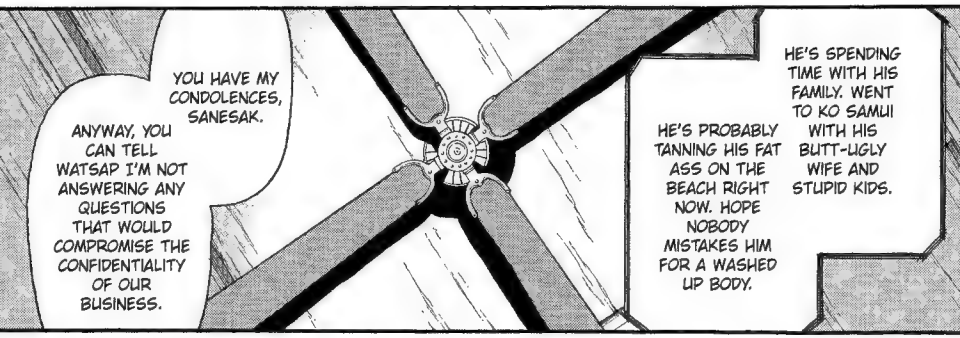
YOU HAVE MY CONDOLENCES, SANESAK.
ANYWAY, YOU CAN TELL WATSAP I'M NOT ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS THAT WOULD COMPROMISE THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF OUR BUSINESS.
HE'S SPENDING TIME WITH HIS FAMILY. WENT TO KO SAMUI WITH HIS BUTT-UGLY WIFE AND STUPID KIDS.
HE'S PROBABLY TANNING HIS FAT ASS ON THE BEACH RIGHT NOW. HOPE NOBODY MISTAKES HIM FOR A WASHED UP BODY.

DUTCH.
WAS THAT BUSINESS OR...
...TROUBLE?
KCHK
HE ASKED ME IF WE...
...HAD ANY "STRANGE CLIENTS."
AGAIN?
THAT'S KINDA CREEPY. WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "AGAIN?"
WE GOT A CALL ASKING THE SAME THING YESTERDAY. FROM ISAAC, THE ANTIQUE-SLASH-INFORMATION DEALER.
THE SAME QUESTION, WORD FOR WORD.
LIKE THEY CAME OUT OF THE SAME MOLD.
ROCK.
HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THIS?
...
I THINK I MIGHT'VE.
I THOUGHT IT WAS A JOKE WHEN I HEARD IT AT THE YELLOW FLAG.
A JOKE?
WHAT'D THEY TELL YOU?
DMP DMP
DMP

KTHNK
YO, ROCK!
MAN, YOU HEAR WHAT'S GOIN' ON?!
WE WERE JUST TALKING TO ROCK ABOUT THE SAME THING.
KEEP TALKING.
THAT FUCKER BAO-
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU GUYS?
WHNK
WELL HE SAID HE SAW HER...
...IN THE LOBBY AT THE SUNG KANG PALACE HOTEL ON SARTNAM STREET.
SAW?
SAW WHO?
IF HE WAS DOPED OUT OF HIS SKULL IT'D JUST BE A BAD JOKE BUT-
SHIT. YOU GUYS FREAKED ME OUT FOR A SEC.
ANYWAY, THERE'S AN EASTERN EUROPEAN DEALER IN TOWN BY THE NAME OF KOWALSKI. EVER HEARD OF HIM?
FLMP
JUST A LOW-RANKING NOBODY WITH HOTEL MOSCOW. WHAT ABOUT HIM?

THE LOVELACE FAMILY'S MAID, FROM VENEZUELA.
THE MAID, DUTCH.
THE *MAID.*
THE KILLING MACHINE...
...IS BACK IN TOWN.
...AND ASKED US IF *WE* BROUGHT HER IN.
"...MY PLACE WORSE THAN ANYONE ELSE."
HE SAID, "SOMEBODY SAW *THE* MAID WHO TRASHED..."
WE HEARD IT FROM BAO.

"IF THAT BITCH IS BACK..."
"...I'D LOVE TO MEET HER AGAIN."
I SAID, "BRING HER TO ME AND I'LL SMACK HER IN THE MOUTH SO HARD SHE'LL BE EATING OATMEAL FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE."
WE THOUGHT HE WAS KIDDING.
YEAH.
SO I TOLD HIM....
C'MON NOW, DUTCH.
YOU KNOW HOW BAO IS. AND YOU KNOW KOWALSKI ISN'T ALWAYS THINKING STRAIGHT.
SO THAT MEANS...
...BAO DIDN'T ACTUALLY SEE THE MAID HIMSELF.
CR RK
THINK ABOUT IT, DUTCH.
HOW MANY STORIES HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE DEAD WALKING AROUND THIS TOWN BEFORE?
SHE'S GOT NO MOTIVE TO COME HERE.
EXACTLY.
REVY DOES HAVE A POINT.

...JESUS CHRIST ON HAMIPON STREET DRINKING FROM THE GUTTER.
BUT IF THEY THOUGHT ELVIS WAS THE LORD ALMIGHTY I COULDN'T STOP THEM FROM BELIEVING THAT.
THIS PLACE IS FULL OF JUNKIES AND DRUNKS AND GUYS WHO NEED MEDICATION FOR THEIR HEADS.
THERE'S A TON OF GUYS WHO'LL SWEAR UP AND DOWN THEY SAW...
...ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THIS.
...EVEN THE DUDES WITH ENOUGH BRAIN CELLS TO DISTINGUISH WHO'S CRAZY OR NOT...
WHAT BOTHERS ME, REVY, IS...
MEMPHIS, TENNESEE TAKING THE PLACE OF THE HOLY LAND, EH? THAT'D BE PRETTY FUNNY.
LET'S TAKE IT FROM THE TOP.
THAT'S THE PRICE WE PAY FOR BEING SO GOOD, DUTCH.
EVERYBODY BLAMES US FIRST WHEN THERE'S TROUBLE IN TOWN.
IN OTHER WORDS, THAT'S HOW UNRELIABLE THIS INFO IS.
I'M GUESSING LEROY WILL BE CALLING US SOON TO FIND OUT ABOUT HOW THIS RUMOR GOT STARTED.
HE'S NOT AS WELL-KNOWN AS "INSIDE TOURIST" LEROY, BUT HE'S ALSO A PRETTY WELL-KNOWN GO-TO GUY FOR INFO.
THAT CREEPY JEW?
ISAAC?
THIS MIGHT BE NEWS TO YOU, REVY, BUT ISAAC ASKED US THE SAME QUESTION.
THAT'S RIGHT.

LET'S SAY THE MAID DOES HAVE A REASON TO COME TO THIS DIRTY LITTLE TOWN FROM HALFWAY ACROSS THE WORLD.
WHAT COULD IT BE?
WE COULD NEVER KNOW.
MY GUESS IS SOMETHING HAPPENED IN VENEZUELA.
WHAT ABOUT THE "YOUNG MASTER" GETTING ABDUCTED?
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT.
MAYBE SHE WANTS ANOTHER GO AT ME?
BENNY, KNOWING HER, SHE WOULDN'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE.
MAYBE SHE-
R R RRRRR
WHAT NOW?
DUTCH?! THAT YOU, DUTCH?!
YOU ASSHOLE! THE HELL YOU MEAN, "WE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT"?!
I AIN'T DEAF! THAT'S WHAT I HEARD FROM YOUR PEOPLE!
LAGOON TRAD-
TL OK

BAO? I CAN'T UNDERSTAND YOU WHEN YOU'RE SCREAMING AT ME. CALM DOWN AND START OVER–
CALM DOWN? CALM DOWN?!
YOU THINK I GOT TITANIUM BALLS?
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?
THIS ABOUT THE MAID, BY ANY CHANCE?
BINGO, SHIT-HEAD!
IF THIS WAS *WHEEL OF FORTUNE* I'D BE ON A WEEK-LONG TRIP TO THE BAHAMAS, BUT UNFORTUNATELY I AIN'T PAT SAJAK!!
YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE VANNA WHITE EITHER.
TELL ME FROM THE START.
ALL RIGHT, LISTEN UP REAL GOOD.
I WAS IN A GOOD MOOD TODAY. I SCORED BIG ON A BET I LAID.
I WAS HUMMING A TUNE, GETTING READY TO OPEN UP AND–
THIS WAS JUST A HALF AN HOUR AGO!
KNK

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CLOS
WHAM
HEY YOU!
DIDN'T YOU SEE THE SIGN. WE'RE NOT OPEN-
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KTOK
SHSH
SHSH
KTOK

M-M-...
MILK-
KLAK
AR
K

BARTENDER...
A BOTTLE OF TEQUILA.
AND...

HOLD ON TO YOUR PANTIES, DUTCH. LISTEN TO THIS...
AND...?
AND WHAT, BAO?
SHE SAYS, "TELL ME EVERY SHOP I NEED TO HIT TO START A WAR"!!
...I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THIS...!
AND THEN THE BITCH TAKES A HUGE SWIG RIGHT FROM THE BOTTLE AND SAYS-
SO I GIVE HER A BOTTLE OF EL AGAVE.
I TOLD HER ABOUT A FEW PLACES, THEN SHE PAID UP AND LEFT.
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO TELL ME WHAT YOU KNOW! WHAT'S SHE UP TO?!
...
...ANY-THING ELSE?
I WAS ABOUT TO PISS ALL OVER THE FLOOR.
I THANK MY LUCKY STARS MY DICK'S FEELIN' TIGHT TODAY.
WE'LL CARRY THE DEVIL OR A COFFIN FOR THE RIGHT PRICE, BUT...
...THIS IS NEWS TO US TOO.
IT'S LIKE A BAD WESTERN.
BAO...
I AIN'T SHITTIN' YOU, DUTCH.
WHAT'S SHE DOING HERE? SHE WANNA START ANOTHER REVOLUTION?!

YOU BETTER NOT BE LYING–
WE'RE CLEAN AS A WHISTLE. CLEANER THAN YOUR KITCHEN AT LEAST.
BUT LET'S MAKE ONE THING CLEAR.
WE'RE NOT INVOLVED WITH THIS IN ANY WAY, NOR DO WE INTEND TO BE.
IF ANYTHING WERE TO HAPPEN, IT'LL BE BECAUSE IT'S BECOME OUR BUSINESS.
I'LL SEE YOU SOON.
CALL ME IF ANYTHING COMES UP. SEE YA.
DUTCH?
BINGO?
BINGO.
THAT CRAZY MAID'S IN TOWN TO RIP SOME POOR BASTARD'S NUTS OFF...
THAT MUCH WE CAN BE CERTAIN OF.
BUT...
...WHY HERE AGAIN?
WANT ME TO LOOK INTO IT, DUTCH?
IF IT'S TROUBLE IN VENEZUELA, I THINK I CAN DIG UP SOMETHING.
I SMELL GUN-POWDER.
I'LL CHECK IN ON A COUPLE OF PLACES TOO. I DON'T WANNA FIND OUT I'M STANDING AT GROUND ZERO AFTER IT'S TOO LATE.
LET'S MEET UP AT THE YELLOW FLAG LATER ON.
BAO'LL FEEL A BIT SAFER WITH US THERE.

EVER SINCE I OPENED THIS PLACE UP IN '78, IT'S BEEN...
...PARTIALLY DESTROYED FIFTEEN TIMES AND COMPLETELY DESTROYED SIX TIMES.
I WANNA STOP THAT TREND. YOU UNDERSTAND?
MY CONDOLENCES.
I FEEL YOU, BAO.
HEY, GIMME A BREAK.
OURS WAS, YOU KNOW... AN ACCIDENT.
IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR BAR TRASHED, PUT UP A SIGN THAT SAYS, "NO GUNS OR GRENADES ALLOWED."
I'M MOSTLY REFERRING TO YOU, DAMMIT.
SHIT, YOU DON'T THINK I HAVEN'T TRIED ALREADY?
THAT SAME AFTERNOON A BUNCH OF DAREDEVIL BANDITS BUSTED IN HERE AND ROBBED ALL THE UNARMED CUSTOMERS.
THIS TOWN'S A REAL SHITHOLE.
TELL ME ABOUT IT. I GOT ANGRY CUSTOMERS COMING AFTER ME-
ZCHI

BAO!
WE ASKED THE WHORES UPSTAIRS, BUT THEY DIDN'T KNOW NOTHIN'.
WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE OFFICE. YOU CALL US IF ANYTHING HAPPENS.
SORRY I COULDN'T HELP OUT.
TELL MR. CHANG I SAID THANKS.

BAO...
GOT THE TRIAD SNIFFIN' AROUND ABOUT THE MAID TOO?
IT'S NOT JUST THEM.
EVERYBODY IN TOWN'S FREAKIN' OUT TRYING TO GATHER ANY INFORMATION THEY CAN GET.
WHAT A BUNCH OF PUSSIES.
WHO GIVES A SHIT IF THE MAID'S HERE TO BLOW ONE OF THEIR WORTHLESS BRAINS OUT?
PLP PLP
I CARE ABOUT IT AS MUCH AS I CARE ABOUT WALMART'S STOCK PRICE.
IF YOU HAD TO PUT A PRICE TAG ON ALL THE MOTHERFUCKERS IN THIS PLACE...
...IT WOULDN'T ADD UP TO MORE THAN A DIME.
REVY.
I DON'T THINK THAT'S WHAT EVERYBODY'S CONCERNED ABOUT.
HER PRESENCE HERE ITSELF IS AN AFFRONT TO THE WHOLE TOWN.

AFFRONT ?
THE LAST TIME HER PURPOSE WAS CLEAR.
BUT NOT THIS TIME.
YEAH. AN AFFRONT.
THAT'S WHY THEY'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HER INTENTIONS.
EVERYBODY'S RESPONSE DEPENDS ON HOW SHE MOVES.
LIKE IT WAS WITH THE TWINS.
THIS SUCKS.
I GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS, AND MY FEELINGS ARE NEVER WRONG.
YEAH RIGHT, BAO.
IF YOUR SO-CALLED FEELINGS WERE SO ACCURATE, YOUR PLACE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN BURNT DOWN SO MANY TIMES.
KEEP TALKING, REVY.
IT WAS THAT LOOK SHE HAD ON HER FACE THAT BOTHERS ME.
I'VE SEEN THAT LOOK BEFORE.
I SAW IT WHEN I WAS BACK IN SOUTH VIETNAM. IT WAS THE SAME LOOK THAT STUPID RANGER LT. COLONEL HAD WHEN HE WAS TRYING TO HOLD TAN SON NHUT AIRPORT...
...WHEN THE NORTH MADE THEIR LAST OFFENSIVE.
IT WAS THE LOOK OF SOMEONE READY TO DIE.
SHE DIDN'T HAVE THAT LOOK THE LAST TIME SHE WAS HERE.
THAT'S WHAT BUGS ME.
K.!!

BAO!
HOW'S BUSINESS?
I'M DOIN' ALL RIGHT.
HOW ABOUT YOURSELF?
DOES IT LOOK LIKE I'M DOING WELL?
WHATEVER. GIMME A SANTA THERESA AND SOME CORONAS FOR THE BOYS.
SKWIK
SURE THING.
YO, GUSTAVO.
OH, IF IT ISN'T THE LAGOON TRADERS.
THE BOSS IS BACK AT THE OFFICE. SOMETHING CAME UP.
STRAIGHT FROM THE HEAD OFFICE, SO HE'S GOT HIS HANDS FULL.
SOMETHING ABOUT SENDING SOLDIERS, BUT WE'RE NOT EVEN PREPARED TO BRING 'EM IN.
WHERE'S SEÑOR ABREGO?

IT'S HARD ENOUGH TO ARRANGE ALL THAT WITHOUT ANY HITCHES.
IT'S A GODDAMNED PAIN IN ASS.
BUT THAT'S ENOUGH WITH THE BITCHING.

THE VIRGIN MARY'S BEING KIND TO ME TODAY.
I CAME HERE TO SEE YOU FOLKS. I WANT TO ASK YOU ABOUT-
SNAP!
SNAP!
THE MAID...
RIGHT?
GUSTAVO?

BEFORE WE DISCUSS THAT, CLARIFY THIS FOR ME.
YOU JUST SAID, "STRAIGHT FROM THE HEAD OFFICE."
WHAT'S THAT ALL ABOUT?
TOK

RELAX, MAN.
WE'RE IN THE DARK AS MUCH AS YOU ARE. WE EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND WE'RE BOTH HAPPY.
YOU TELL ME WHAT I WANNA KNOW, AND WE'LL TELL YOU WHAT YOU WANNA KNOW.
...I GOT NOTHING.
WE'RE JUST BEING CAUTIOUS ABOUT THE MAID.
YOU PRACTICALLY TOLD US EVERYTHING, GUSTAVO.
LET'S CUT THE BULLSHIT. WE'RE WASTING EACH OTHER'S TIME.
GUSTAVO.
WE JUST DON'T WANT TO STEP ON ANY MINES WE COULD'VE AVOIDED.
WE WON'T LEAK THIS TO ANYBODY ELSE. DEAL?
...
...
SHIT. FINE.
BUT, AFTER YOU.

BRRRRRRRRRRRK
YELLOW FLAG
YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU KNOW FIRST.
AND YOU'LL BE THE ONLY ONES TO KNOW WHAT WE KNOW.
BUT THIS STAYS BETWEEN US. NOT EVEN TO YOUR FRIENDS BALALAIKA OR THE TRIAD. GOT THAT?
VRRM
VRRM
HEY, MISS.
YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T GO IN THERE.
MY BUDDY HAD HIS ARM BROKEN IN THERE. I'M TELLING YOU FOR YOUR OWN-
I'LL BE FINE, THANK YOU.
ALL RIGHT, AMIGO.
WHAT DO YOU WANNA KNOW?
YOU GUYS HAVE BUMPED HEADS WITH HER BEFORE.
WE'RE A CARTEL SEPARATE FROM MANISALERA. WE BARELY KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HER.
MISS!
THE GUYS IN THERE ARE NO JOKE. BE CAREFUL-
I'LL BE FINE, THANK YOU.

KRII
K
WHAT I WANNA KNOW IS...
...WHAT SHE LOOKS LIKE, HER RACE, AND ANY PROMINENT CHARACTERISTICS.
WE GOT A FAX FROM BACK HOME, BUT...
THE QUALITY WAS SO BAD IT TOLD US NOTHING.
BUY A NEW FAX, MAN.
SHE'S GOT BLACK HAIR. SHE'S HISPANIC, BUT HAS PALE SKIN.
WHAT'S SHE WEARING ?
I HEARD SHE'S DRESSED LIKE A WAITRESS.
SHE'S FUCKED IN THE HEAD. SHE COULD JUST AS WELL BE WEARING A FRENCH MAID'S OUTFIT.
AND...
...SHE CARRIES A DIRTY OLD LEATHER SUITCASE PACKED WITH A LMG AND SOME GRENADES. SHE'S GOT THE FIREPOWER OF A PLATOON.
ARE YOU SERIOUS ?
I TOLD YOU. SHE'S FUCKED IN THE HEAD.
...HEY! HEY!
HEY REVY!!

...
I CALLED YOUR OFFICES, BUT...
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THERE WAS NO ANSWER.
THE YOUNG MASTER KNEW EVERYBODY WAS FOND OF STOPPING BY THIS ESTABLISHMENT.
THAT IS WHAT BROUGHT ME HERE.
YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED ...

...WHAT IS THIS?
IS THIS SOME KINDA JOKE?
THE YOUNG MASTER AWAITS YOU...
...AT THE SUNG KANG PALACE HOTEL.

Chapter 46: El Baile de la Muerte - Part III

ARE YOU...
...FROM THE LOVELACE FAMILY?
I AM... FORGIVE ME.
KLK!
FLIP
...EMPLOYED BY THE LOVELACE FAMILY, OF THE PROUD 13 FAMILIES OF SOUTH AMERICA, AS THE CHAMBERMAID OF THE LOVELACE HACIENDA.
MY NAME IS FABIOLA IGLESIAS.
I AM VERY PLEASED TO MEET YOU.
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT...
SHE EVEN TALKS LIKE THAT FREAK.
PSST
YOU HEAR THAT, ROCK?

IF I MAY CORRECT YOU.
...DOES NOT GO BY THE NAME "FREAK."
OUR HEAD MATRON ...
I SHALL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING IN DETAIL IN THE PRESENCE OF THE MASTER.
"HEAD MATRON"?
IF YOU WILL ...
KT
MP
GR
AB
MR. GUSTAVO.
IS THIS THE MAID?

NO. NO ES.
BUT WE ARE VERY LUCKY.
HELLO THERE, LITTLE LADY.
WE HAVE SOME BUSINESS WITH THE HEAD MATRON AS WELL.
MAYBE YOU COULD HELP US WITH THIS COMPLICATED AND ANNOYING PROBLEM WE HAVE.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, REVY?
WELL THAT'S HOW IT IS.
SNAP!
I'M SORRY, BUT I'M GONNA HAVE TO CHECK WHAT YOU GOT IN THERE.

WAIT!
PLEASE GIVE THAT BACK TO ME!
TKLK
GASP!
OPEN IT. BUT BE CAREFUL.
IF THE PIRATE LADY'S RIGHT, SHE COULD HAVE A PLATOON'S WORTH OF WEAPONRY IN THERE.
SI, BOSS.
KTNG
KLK
KLK
KTNG
K-KLAK!
KLI
BEE
NK!

...WHAT THE HELL?
PPPH...
YOU SEE THAT?!
DON'T POINT THAT AT ME!
BWA HA HA
HA
HA HA
OOOH! THOSE LOLLIPOPS ARE SO SCARY I PISSED MYSELF!

...ARE YOU SATISFIED?
NOW IF YOU WOULD...
...PUT ME DOWN I WOULD APPRECIATE IT.
NOW, NOW.
THERE'S NO NEED TO GET NASTY, BAJITA.
EVERY-BODY HERE...
...IS A HUGE FAN OF YOUR HEAD MATRON.
...
WE ARE NOT AWARE OF THE HEAD MATRON'S WHEREABOUTS EITHER.
THEN LET'S FIND HER TOGETHER.
FROM THIS POINT ON WE'RE ALL AMIGOS. NOT A BAD DEAL, EH?
WE HELP EACH OTHER AND WE SAVE A LOT OF TROUBLE.
REVY. YOU'RE COMING WITH US. TO... WHERE WAS IT?
OH YEAH, THE SUNG KANG PALACE HOTEL.
SIGH... HOW CARELESS OF ME.
IF I MAY ASK YOU ONE QUESTION ...

IN THE EVENT WE REFUSE TO HELP...
WHAT WILL YOU GENTLEMEN DO?
DO WE LOOK LIKE THE KIND OF PEOPLE WHO'D THROW YOU INTO A TUB FULL OF WATER AND DROP A TOASTER IN IT TO MAKE YOU TALK?
WE'D NEVER DO THAT TO A FRIEND.
I SEE.

...LIKE THE KIND OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD DROP A TOASTER INTO SOMEONE'S TUB.
YOU GENTLEMAN LOOK EXACTLY...
BECOMING ACQUAINTANCES WITH MEN LIKE YOU...
...WOULD BE OFFENSIVE.
NGAAAAA!
B-...
BOSS!!
SHUDDER
SHAKE
LOOK AT HIM. ONE KICK IN THE COJONES FROM A LITTLE GIRL AND HE'S ON THE GROUND.
HURRY UP AND-
YOU'RE FULL OF ENERGY, AREN'T YOU, BAJITA?
YO, JOSÉ!
UGH...
NO... SHE...
PLIP
YOU LITTLE BITCH...
PLOD
RRRG...
GAAHH !!

LTCH
THINK YOU CAN...
...KICK ME IN THE BALLS?!
SHCHAK
GODDAMMIT! NO GUNS-
STOP SCREAMING, BAO!
THINGS ARE GETTING A LITTLE COMPLICATED, EH, BAJITA?

SO GUNS HAVE BEEN DRAWN... IT WAS SELF-DEFENSE.
...SIGH...
WHOSE FAULT DO YOU THINK THAT IS?
PLAY TIME'S OVER. GAG HER AND TAKE HER TO THE HOTEL.
I WAS HOPING TO AVOID THIS. IT ONLY MAKES OUR DISCUSSION MORE DIFFICULT.
YOU PLAY NICE AND YOU MIGHT HAVE A FEW TEETH LEFT OVER TO PAY FOR HIS BALLS. BUT IF YOU DON'T...
YOU'LL BE DEAD BEFORE THOSE TINY TITTIES OF YOURS HAVE A CHANCE TO GET ANY BIGGER.
THERE IS NO NEED FOR YOU TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT MY BREASTS.
EVEN IF THEY GREW AS BIG AS MELONS, I DON'T PLAN ON ANYBODY FONDLING THEM.
KON
WHATEVER, BITCH.
HEY, HIDALGO!
KLCHK
SI BOSS!
SHE'S NO ORDINARY MAID EITHER. SHE'S THE SAME AS THAT HEAD MATRON.
SHE'S PROBABLY GOT A KNIFE OR SOMETHING UP HER SLEEVE. CHECK HER OUT.
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TOK

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LET'S ROLL!

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NOW IT'S GETTING INTEREST-ING!
REVY!
YOU BITCH!

SHOOT! FUCKIN' KILL HER!
SHE'S GOT A SHOTGUN!
THOK
KCHK
BLAM

SPIN
SLASH
THAK
BAM
BLAM
BOOM

DAK
DAK
DAK
YOU HELPED HER, DIDN'T YOU?
WHY?
KRAK
KRAK
SHE'S GOT BALLS. I'LL GIVE HER THAT, BUT SHE LEAVES HERSELF OPEN.
PLUS...
...SHE DIES AND WE WON'T FIND OUT WHAT SHE'S DOING HERE.
I DON'T LIKE TROUBLE, BUT IT'S NO FUN IF IT ENDS THERE, RIGHT?
KSSH
BAO! GIMME YOUR PHONE!
TH
OH...
BANG
YOU GOT A SHOOT-OUT JUST LIKE YOU WANTED, YOU STUPID SPIC!
DON'T COME BEHIND MY COUNTER!
KRNCH
KACHIG
VWSH
BLAM
...SHIT!
KRASH

LOS MIVAS COFFEE COMPANY...
HEY, MR. GUSTAVO. QUE PASA?
BLAM
KBANG
THE BOSS! GET ME THE BOSS!
HE'S NOT BACK YET. HE WENT TO THE MAPLAO MARKET WITH HIS LADY...
BLAM BLA
BRANG
GODDAMMIT! FIND HIM!
HE SAID HE WOULDN'T BE BACK TILL LATER-
DO IT NOW! FIND HIM!
IT'S A MAID, YOU FUCK-HEAD!!
WE GOT ANOTHER MAID IN TOWN!!
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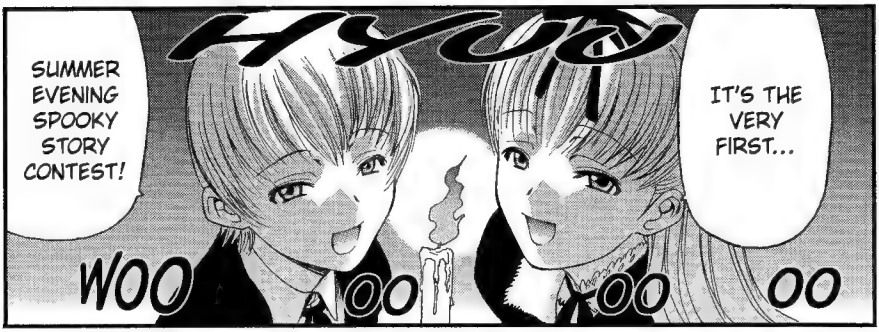

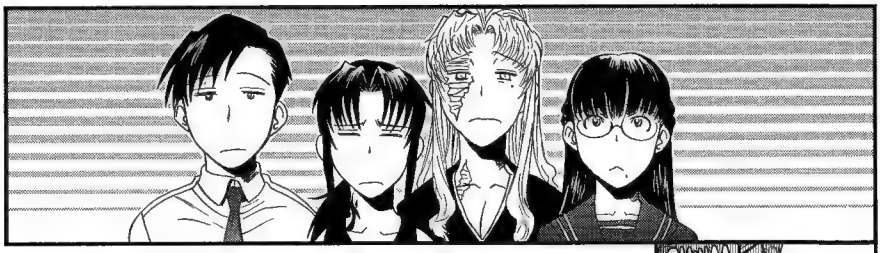

BLACK LAGOON

~Summer Evening Spooky Story Contest~

By Rei Hiroe

YOU TWO WANNA DIE AGAIN?
OKAY!
YOU'RE FIRST, LADY!
A SCARY STORY, HUH...
UH...
ONCE, WHEN I WAS IN AFGHANISTAN, WE WERE SURROUNDED BY THE ENEMY, AND OUR SUPPLIES GOT CUT OFF.
THAT WAS REALLY SCARY.

THERE'S NOTHING SCARIER THAN HAVING YOUR SUPPLIES CUT OFF WHEN YOU'RE SURROUNDED!
WHAT?!
DO
NG
...
...
SORRY, SIS. HOW'S THAT SCARY...?
ONE TIME I BROKE INTO THIS PLACE, AND IT TURNED OUT TO BE A COP'S HOUSE.
UH...
WELL...
TELL US ONE OF YOUR SCARY STORIES THEN!
I MADE NEXT TO NOTHING AND ENDED UP ON THE RUN FOR MONTHS!
THEY GET REALLY PISSED WHEN ONE OF THEIR OWN GETS KILLED!
AND?
HUH?!
ME?!
DON'T YOU HAVE A BETTER ONE?
OH.
THEN I'LL TRY...
THAT'S JUST THE STORY OF ONE OF YOUR BLUNDERS.
THAT SUUUCKED.
THAT'S NOT A SCARY STORY!
THAT'S A *PAINFUL* STORY!
IT JUST WENT SNAP!
SHE SLIPPED AND JAMMED HER TOES REALLY HARD INTO THE TILES...
SHE LOOKED AT HER FOOT, AND THE NAIL OF HER BIG TOE WAS FLAPPING UP AND DOWN LIKE A TOILET LID...
I HEARD THIS FROM MAKI, BUT...
ONCE WHEN HER FRIEND STEPPED INTO THE BATHTUB...

YO, YO.
HOW ABOUT YOU TELL US ONE.
SNIFF SNIFF
OKAY, NEXT.
FINE.
I HEARD THIS FROM SOMEBODY ELSE, BUT...
HRMM
THIS LADY HAD A CAT.
AND SHE WAS BEING STALKED AND GETTING WEIRD CALLS ALL THE TIME.
THEN ONE DAY SHE GOT A MESSAGE ON HER PHONE SAYING, "THREE LEFT."
SHE THOUGHT IT WAS JUST ANOTHER PRANK, AS USUAL...
BUT ONE DAY SHE NOTICED HER CAT WALKING FUNNY SO SHE LOOKED AT ITS LEGS...
IT HAD...
ONE LEG...
CHOPPED OFF...
THAT WASN'T SO GREAT.
I'D'A KILLED THE BASTARD IF I FOUND HIM.
YEAH, BUT AT LEAST...
...ACT CREEPED OUT LIKE A GIRL FOR ONCE, WILL YOU!
GOD!
I know for a fact you've done worse
...NOTHING FAZES HER...
ALL RIGHT, ROCK!
THEN YOU TELL US ONE!
ME?
...IT'S NOT SUCH A GOOD STORY, BUT...

THIS HAPPENED TO AN ACQUAINTANCE.
HE SAID EVER SINCE HE HEARD A SCARY STORY ABOUT A LITTLE GIRL IN A RED SKIRT FROM A FRIEND, STRANGE THINGS STARTED HAPPENING.
NOBODY PAID ATTENTION AT FIRST...
BUT ONE DAY, HIS FRIEND CALLED HIM LATE AT NIGHT... HE SAID, "A LITTLE GIRL IN A RED SKIRT'S OUTSIDE MY WINDOW RIGHT NOW," AND JUST HUNG UP.
SO MY FRIEND WENT BY HIS PLACE LATER AND FOUND HIM DEAD, HANGING FROM A BEAM.
AW, I THOUGHT YOU COULD DO BETTER.
...WELL...
IF YOU ASK ME, I'D SAY IT'S SCARY BUT...
THERE'S MORE TO IT...
WHOA...
I was lucky cuz I had a friend who was a psychic.
EVERYONE WHO'S HEARD THIS STORY...
...HAS SEEN A GIRL IN A RED SKIRT AT THEIR HOUSE WITHIN THREE DAYS.
SO WATCH OUT GUYS.
©Clueless
HEY? WAIT, WAIT!!
...
...
IT'S JUST A STORY!
YOU GUYS WERE THE ONES WHO WANTED TO HEAR IT! C'MON!
THIS WEEK'S SCAREDY-CAT AWARD
SERGEANT! I HAVE TO GO TO THE BATHROOM!
...
ALL DONE.

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REI HERE. SIX VOLUMES BEFORE I KNEW IT. PERSONALLY I DON'T FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR SO LONG, BUT IT'S ALREADY BEEN FOUR (FIVE?) YEARS. WEIRD. AND IT'S BEEN TURNED INTO AN ANIME. WEIRD. IT'S ALL THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU WHO READ THIS COMIC. IT'S BEEN A REAL ROLLER-COASTER RIDE, SO I'D BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD HANG ON.

MY DEEP THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE.

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I'LL SEE YOU IN VOLUME 7.

★ Just to let you know, the scary story Rock tells in the bonus manga is, of course, made up.

I KNEW YOU'D BE FOOLED.
PEOPLE LIKE YOU WHO HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO RECOGNIZE COUNTERFEIT BILLS ON A DAILY BASIS NATURALLY LEARN A FEW SELECT POINTS TO DISTINGUISH THEM.
IT'S NOT UNCOMMON TO FIND GLITCHES ON BILLS PRINTED IN THE 70'S. BUT...
...THE MINT NEVER USES THE LETTER 'M'.
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THE UNITED STATES

Counterfeiting

Counterfeit currency (and the making of it) has been around since money was invented. In the 21st century, counterfeiters are becoming more and more sophisticated, and anti-counterfeit measures have followed suit, with mints applying techniques such as using special inks, paper, holograms, embedded strips, and multicolored images to foil counterfeiters. On a small scale, petty criminals can run fake bills off a laser printer, but these are easily spotted. Large-scale counterfeit operations, sometimes even sponsored by governments to attack their enemies, can devalue real currency and harm the economy.

Jane's counterfeiting crew is talented but rather naïve when it comes to the risky business of trafficking fake bills. Spreading the work out around the world and utilizing the Internet puts Jane's operation ahead of the curve for the era (the mid-90's), although with the death of her data manager, she obviously has a few flaws in her setup.

Maids

Maids in manga and anime have become perhaps something of a cliché—cute, polite, and unfailingly devoted to whomever they serve (for better or worse). With that in mind, if you're going to include them in your story, they'd better stand out.

Black Lagoon has no shortage of standout characters, and there's no question the Lovelace family's head matron, Roberta, makes a big impact! Roberta's household duties are of course a cover for her past as the wanted terrorist Rosarita Tisneros. As she grows to love young Garcia Lovelace, Roberta hopes she can find some peace in her life, but in the world of *Black Lagoon*, your past always catches up to you, and gravity always wins.

Fabiola on the other hand is an actual maid (and an exceptionally well-trained one at that). Who knows where she got the arm strength to handle two automatic shotguns, but this little maid can take out the trash in more ways than one!